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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-1384) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATWARR
AR

OO: Chicago

Re Las Vegas Letter to Chicago 9/24/71.

Inasmuch as [redacted]
[redacted] is in such poor health, the photograph
of the subject is not being exhibited to [redacted]

No pertinent information of value was developed
from Las Vegas sources, regarding the fact that the subject
was contacting [redacted] in Las Vegas. [redacted]
[redacted] have been alerted to any further travel
to Las Vegas by the subject and his apparent association
with [redacted]

In the event any pertinent information is developed
regarding this matter, Chicago will be advised.

2-Chicago
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JAMES CATUARA, (SA WARREN)

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JAMES CATUARA;
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CATUARA is aware that GUIDO FIDENZI has been released from prison and informant feels that there is still bad blood between CATUARA and FIDENZI. The reason being that if FIDENZI decides to cooperate with the Government, FIDENZI is in a position to implicate CATUARA in a number of federal violations.

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TFIS Matters

On 12/10/71, informant advised that two unknown Negroes were in the process of setting up a theft of approximately 600 cases of miscellaneous whiskey from Moran Brothers, a liquor distributor in the Chicago area. Informant had no further information concerning this [REDACTED]
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FRED SAM CIOFFI

Fred Sam Cioffi, 40, a native of Chicago Heights, died Wednesday in Miami Beach, Fla. He was living in North Miami Beach.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Spindler-Koelling chapel in Chicago Heights with Dr. A. Vincent Carr, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Our Savior, officiating. Burial was at Evergreen cemetery in Steger.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 until 10 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Cioffi was born May 10, 1931, and lived in this area for 30 years.

Surviving are his mother Mrs. Louise Cioffi of Chicago Heights; his wife, Linda; a daughter, Virginia of Dolton; two sons, Gerard and Fred, both of Dolton; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Berner and Mrs. Theresa Gazzillo, both of Steger, and four brothers, Al Cioffi of South Chicago Heights, and Frank, Pat, and Silvio, all of Chicago Heights.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 12/20/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
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On 10/22/71 from 10:00am to 11:20 am the subject's white over maroon Cadillac, 1971 Illinois license 557-000 remained parked in front of the Hawks SAC, 252 West 31st Street, Chicago. The subject and an unknown white male were observed to place two large cardboard boxes in the trunk of subject's car at 10:25 a.m.

On 12/13/71 a check of the subject's residence at 9600 Kilbourn Oak Lawn, Illinois revealed no activity. at 9:45 a.m. a golden colored Datsun, 1971 Illinois license VI 1025 (unavailable at publication date) was parked in front of [REDACTED]

By letter dated 11/22/71, the Springfield Office confirmed that [REDACTED]

The 11/19/71 edition of the Park Forest Star newspaper reported the following obituary:
FRED SAM CIOFFI

FRED SAM CIOFFI, 40, a native of Chicago Heights died Wednesday in Miami Beach, Fla. He was living in North Miami Beach.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Spindler Koelling chapel in Chicago Heights with Dr. A. VINCENT CARR, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Our Savior, officiating. Burial was at Evergreen cemetery in Steger.

Mr. CIOFFI was born May 10, 1931 and lived in this area for 30 years.

Surviving are his mother Mrs. LOUISE CIOFFI of Chicago Heights; his wife, LINDA; a daughter, VIRGINIA of Dolton; two sons, GERALD and FRED, both of Dolton; two sisters, Mrs MARY BERNER and Mrs THERESA GAZZINO, both of Steger, and four brothers, AL CIOFFI of South Chicago Heights, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and FRANK, PAT and SILVIO, all of Chicago Heights.



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TO DIRECTOR

PHOENIX

FROM CHICAGO (92-1371) 1P

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JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AND PHOENIX AWARE, CATUARA IS UPPER ECHELON
LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AFFAIRS
ORGANIZED CRIME SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AND ADJOINING COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY FOUR
INSTANT CATUARA PLANNING TO LEAVE CHICAGO AREA THIS WEEK EN
ROUTE TO TUCSON WHERE HE WILL REMAIN FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE
MONTH AT TUCSON INN.

CATUARA EXPECTED TO DRIVE, USING HIS CADILLAC ELDORADO.

PHOENIX REQUESTED TO FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OF CATUARA
THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE JAN 25 1972	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/12/71 - 1/18/72
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY pjs
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 10/21/71 at Chicago.

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LEADCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any federal statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE

By letter dated 11/30/71, the Las Vegas Office advised that the subject's photograph was not being shown to

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[redacted] because of his poor health.
Las Vegas sources [redacted] were unable
to furnish any information concerning the subject's travel to
Las Vegas.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: CHICAGO

Date: JAN 25 1972

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]
to subject. Subject paid cash for a 1971 Cadillac. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] his background data is set forth.
Subject was observed at the wake of PHILLIP ALDERISIO.
Obituary notice for FRED SAM CIOFFI set forth.

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DETAILS:

On November 16, 1971, the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department, made available a report of the surveillance that they initially conducted of the wake of PHILLIP ALDERISIO (Felix) at the Mountcaine Funeral Home, 6901 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on September 26 and 27 and 28, 1971. They reported that JAMES CATUARA was among those persons observed at the wake.

The November 19, 1971 edition of the Park Forest-Chicago Heights Star reported the following obituary notice for FRED SAM CIOFFI:

Fred Sam Cioffi, 48, a native of Chicago Heights, died Wednesday in Fort Beach, Fla. He

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was living in North Miami Beach.

"Funeral services were held Saturday at the Spindler-Koelling chapel in Chicago Heights with Dr. A. Vincent Carr, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Our Savior, officiating. Burial was at Evergreen cemetery in Steger.

"Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 until 10p.m. Friday.

"Mr. Cioffi was born May 10, 1931, and lived in this area for 30 years.

"Surviving are his mother Mrs. Louise Cioffi of Chicago Heights; his wife, Linda; a daughter, Virginia of Dolton; two sons, Gerard and Fred, both of Dolton; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Berner and Mrs. Theresa Gazzillo, both of Steger, and four brothers, Al Cioffi of South Chicago Heights, and Frank, Pat, and Silvio, all of Chicago Heights."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/4/71

The following observations were made on October 22, 1971:

10:00 a.m. A white over maroon Cadillac, 1971 Illinois license 557-000, was parked on the north side of the street near Hawks S.A.C., 252 West 31st Street, Chicago.

10:25 a.m. JAMES CATUARA and a white male who appeared to be about 35 years old, 6'2" tall, 225 pounds, black hair, came from the south side of 31st Street. Both men were carrying large brown cardboard boxes. CATUARA raised the trunk lid of the above described car and the men placed the cartons in the trunk.

10:27 a.m. Both men entered Hawks S.A.C.

11:20 a.m. The above car remained parked at the above location.

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On 10/22/71 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1371

by SA mek Date dictated 10/29/71

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On December 13, 1971, at 9:45 a.m. a gold Datsun which had 1971 Illinois license [redacted] was parked in front of [redacted]. No cars were observed at the subject's residence, 9600 Kilbourne. The registration for [redacted] was not available. b7C

On December 21, 1971, the subject's 1971 license plates which are number 557 000, were observed on a black over green Cadillac. This car was parked at the intersection of Princeton and 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois. The subject was observed departing from this car and entering Umbriaco Cleaners, 255 West 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX (92-553)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)
SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
Jimmy the Bomber
AR

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletype to Phoenix dated 1/24/72,
and Phoenix teletype to Chicago dated 1/25/72.

Enclosed is one (1) photograph of subject.

Subject's car is a green Cadillac which has 1972
Illinois license 557000.

Subject is a white male, born 9/26/05, in Italy,
5'5" tall, 160 pounds, black and gray hair, mostly bald,
brown eyes, frequently wears black and white checkered
wool hat. He is married and has two married sons.

Identity of traveling companions not known.

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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OBSERVATION OR
SURVEILLANCE REPORT

CASE _____

DATE OF SURVEILLANCE: 12-13-14
December 1972

DATE OF REPORT 25 January 1972

SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION
GAGLIANO, Joseph (Deceased)
1731 No. Thatcher Road
Elmwood Park, IllinoisTYPE OF SURVEILLANCE
. FixedINVESTIGATORS

PURPOSE OF SURVEILLANCE OR OBSERVATION

TIME OR
LICENSE NO.

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Following is a list of visual personal identifications of persons attending the wake and/or funeral of the DECEASED SUBJECT at the Montclare Funeral Home, 6901 West Belmont Avenue, on 12-13-14 December 1971:

Anthony Accardo (92-344)Paul Ricca (92-347)Ross Prio (92-787)
Joseph Aiuppa (92-677)
James Catura (92-1371)
Sam Farruggia92-1371-454
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USM Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #--	7-13-31	IP1	
PD Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #C-48136	4-18-33	bomb in poss.	11-17-35, sent. to Joliet, Ill., Pen. #321-7, 5 to 25 yrs. on chg. of compounding explosives
SP Joliet, Ill.	James Catuara #821	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	10-13-70	Burg CH38-19-1	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286 106	4-22-71	Gambling investigation	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	4-30-71	Gambling	L.F.D. on chg of inmate

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>FLASH BY BUREAU: James Catuara aka James Catura, "The Bomber" "The Owl" If any information or inquiry received notify BFD Chicago their file #92-1371 per inf rec 7-31-63</p>			

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Director

OBSERVATION OR
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CASE _____

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DATE OF SURVEILLANCE: January 1972

DATE OF REPORT 1 February 1972

SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION

WAKE of JOSEPH PRIOLO
Montclare Funeral Home
6901 West Belmont Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE

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INVESTIGATORS

PURPOSE OF SURVEILLANCE OR OBSERVATION

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The following is a list of visual personal identifications of persons attending the wake and/or funeral of the deceased SUBJECT at the Montclare Funeral Home, 6901 West Belmont Avenue, on 5-6-7 January 1972.

Joseph Aiuppa (92-677)Ross Prio (92-737)James Catuara (92-1371)Paul Ricca (92-347)

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A Criminal Information was filed on February 11, 1972 in the following case:

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A Criminal Information was filed on February 14, 1972 in the following case:

[REDACTED]

The SEPTEMBER 1971 TERM GRAND JURY returned one (1) Indictment in open Court on February 15, 1972 before CHIEF JUDGE EDWIN A. ROBSON:

(M) 72 CR 05 ✓ JAMES CATIARA B/W \$45,000 CIECKA

[REDACTED]

✓ GUIDO FIDANZI B/W \$25,000

[REDACTED]

A Criminal Information was filed on February 15, 1972 in the following case:

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TO DIRECTOR (92-6931)

FROM CHICAGO (92-1371) (92-350 SUB 23)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR. OO: CHICAGO.

ORGANIZED CRIME INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM.

FOR INFO. BUREAU, EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CHICAGO
DIVISION HAS REVEALED EXISTENCE OF NATIONWIDE OPERATION
OF CONFIDENCE TYPE SWINDLES PERPETRATED BY INDIVIDUALS
UNDER CONTROL OF CATUARA, WHO IS LCN MEMBER AND LEADER OF
ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
THESE SWINDLES HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED PRIMARILY BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LIEUTENANT, GUIDO FIDANZI.

CHICAGO USA OFFICE ADVISED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT
FGJ, CHICAGO, RETURNED INDICTMENT TODAY AGAINST CATUARA AND
EIGHTEEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS, ALL TO BE CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD
AND FRAUD BY WIRE VIOLATIONS. INDICTED ALONG WITH CATUARA
AND FIDANZI ARE [REDACTED] BOTH CHICAGO
LCN MEMBERS; [REDACTED] VICIOUS SOUTH SIDE SUBURBAN
CHICAGO "HIT" MAN; [REDACTED] WELL KNOWN FINANCIAL
SWINDLER; [REDACTED]

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OTHERS.

ALTHOUGH ABOVE VIOLATIONS DEVELOPED RECENTLY THROUGH INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS OF POSTAL AUTHORITIES, RESULTS OF FBI INVESTIGATION DURING PAST FIVE YEARS IN THIS MATTER, WHICH WERE REFERRED TO ATTENTION OF POSTAL INVESTIGATORS, ARE BEING HEAVILY RELIED UPON BY USA OFFICE FOR SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION. INFO DEVELOPED BY FBI INVESTIGATION WAS REFERRED TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES WHEN USA OFFICE DECIDED MAIL FRAUD VIOLATIONS BY SUBJECTS ARE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED AND POSTAL VIOLATIONS CARRY STIFFER PENALTIES. TWO KEY WITNESSES TO BE UTILIZED DURING TRIAL ON THIS INDICTMENT WILL BE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM BECAME COOPERATIVE THROUGH EFFORTS OF FBI.

USA'S OFFICE IN NEWS RELEASE CREDITED FBI AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES WITH MAKING INDICTMENT OF ABOVE HOODLUM GROUP POSSIBLE, WHICH EXPECTED TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BY NEWS MEDIA.

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IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO CLAIMING CREDIT FOR
INDICTMENT OF NINETEEN INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE ORGANIZED
CRIME INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM, WHICH ARRESTS WILL BE
EFFECTED BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES FEBRUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT
AFTER INDICTMENT RETURNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED.

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JLB FBI WASH DC

19 indicted in \$1 million loan fee deal

By Ed Kandlik

Nineteen men, including four top Chicago hoodlums, were indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on charges of mail fraud in a \$1 million mortgage fee scheme.

The 19 were accused of pocketing more than \$1 million in commissions paid by about 10 victims — including hospitals, colleges and individuals — who hoped to obtain loans for construction purposes, said U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson.

He said the ring operated under the name of Church of Christ Manors Inc., of Chicago, and 30 other businesses in establishing accounts in 10 banks, including 9 in the Chicago area.

Any implication that the financial agency was connected with the Church of Christ or the Christian Churches of America was false, the government said.

HOODLUMS named in the indictment are James Catuara, reputed chief of the syndicate's south suburban rackets operation; Guido Fidanzani, an alleged syndicate juice operator and confidence man; Frank Fratto, an alleged syndicate terrorist, and Lou Rosanova, said to be a frequent companion of Jack Cerone, right-hand man of mob chieftan Anthony Accardo.

Also indicted was Alexander Gaus Jr., 46, of 1132 E. Carlyle Ct., Arlington Heights, who was seized by the FBI in January, 1970, for allegedly passing fraudulent checks and using a phony church-affiliated

organization.

The Rev. Cyrus Welch, 52, of Madison, Wis., a minister in the Church of Christ, also was indicted.

THOMPSON said Joseph Y. Stein, a mortgage broker who was named as a co-conspirator, is expected to be a key figure in the prosecution.

Stein, 42, of 7321 N. Kostner, Lincolnwood, was an associate of the late mob leader Felix Alderisio. He pleaded guilty last year to operating a mortgage fee racket and was sentenced to four years in federal prison.

The 41-count indictment charged that the ring falsely claimed that it represented a total of \$5 million in assets from the individual Churches of Christ throughout the country.

Although a suit was filed four years ago by the Church of Christ to halt the agency from using its name, the ring continued to operate under its pretension of church affiliation, Thompson said.

BY REPRESENTING themselves as lending agents of the church, Thompson said, the group gave potential victims promises of the availability of loan money. They gave letters of commitment, according to Thompson, after obtaining advance fees from their victims as a "show of good faith."

Thompson said these fees, based on a percentage of the loan sought, were pocketed by the ring.

The victims named in the indictment included Lincoln Christian College, Minnesota

Bible College, Desert View General Hospital, Black River Farms, Knollwood Convalescent Home and several mortgage and real estate companies.

OTHERS INDICTED included

William Dauber, 36, Valparaiso, Ind.; Stanley Durka, 46, of 434 S. 4th, Watseka; Anthony Gizzi Jr., Silver Springs, Md.; Donald Jerome, 63, Minneapolis; James V. Micucci, 39, of 7914 W. North, Elmwood Park; Robert Ostrander; M.D. Scott, New York City; Stanley Schulman, San Diego; George Stanaszek, 49, Inglewood, Calif.; Chester Weisinger, Bedford Hills, N.Y.; Charles York, 48, Lodi, Calif.; Louis Verive, 46, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Charles A. Verive, 41, of Phoenix.

THE RING, with Church of Christ Manor offices located at 30 N. La Salle, had five other offices in the Chicago area, two in New York City, and one each in Philadelphia and Richmond, Thompson said.

Church of Christ Manor Inc., was charged with fraud in 1968 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and accused of bilking clergymen and businessmen of more than \$200,000. At that time, the Church of Christ filed suit seeking a prohibition of the use of its name by the agency.

In addition to mail fraud, the 19 are charged with fraud by wire and transportation of stolen monies in interstate commerce.

The indictments were returned before U.S. District Judge Bernard M. Decker

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with bonds recommended as high as \$150,000 for some of the 19.

CATUARA, 66, of 9600 S. Kilmour, is listed by the Illinois Crime Commission among the top 300 Chicago mobsters. Known as Jimmy the Bomber, he often has been picked up on suspicion in connection with unsolved bombings.

Frank, Catuara's racketeer overseer and also an associate of Alderisio, was sentenced to five years in prison in 1969 for income tax evasion.

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Indict 19 in \$million fleecing

NINETEEN MEN, some hoodlum associates, were charged today with fleecing 70 businessmen of more than \$1 million in "finders fees" to obtain loans the businessmen never received. The federal grand jury action was the largest single indictment ever returned.

The 41-count indictment also named 23 other men as unindicted co-conspirators, among them Joseph Stein, long an associate of the late hoodlum Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

United States Atty. James R. Thompson said the indictment, which charges the 19 with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wife fraud, and interstate transfer of stolen money, is "a body blow to the 'finder's fee' racket."

THOMPSON SAID the group operated five Chicago offices, two others in downstate Illinois, two in New York City and others in Philadelphia and Richmond, Va.

He said the alleged conspirators got "front money" from businessmen in return for letters of commitment for loans to be obtained from a bogus company, "Church of Christ Manors, Inc." The letters of commitment were worthless.

Thompson said the businessmen were told the phony corporation held \$500 million of assets of all the Churches of Christ in America. In reality, the bogus firm had no connection with the religious denomination.

ABOUT 30 OTHER fictitious companies were similarly organized, he said, and businessmen paid from \$5,000 to \$40,000 for loans that never were made.

The charges were familiar to at least one of the indicted men. He is Guido Fidanzo, 44, of Chicago Heights, who is awaiting retrial on nearly identical counts. He has served prison terms for income tax evasion.

A warrant for Fidanzo's arrest was issued immediately by judge Edwin A. Robson, who fixed bond at \$50,000.

ROBSON SET BOND at \$100,000 in a warrant for the arrest of another man who figured in the multi-state swindle. He is James Catuara, also known as "The Bomber" and "The Owl."

Bond of \$150,000 was fixed for the alleged mastermind of the racket, the Rev. Cyrus Welch of Madison, Wis.

THE OTHERS indicted today are William Dauber, Stanley Durka, Frank Fratto, Alex Gans Jr., Anthony Gizzi, Daniel Jerome, James Vincent Micuezi and Robert Ostrander.

Also, Louis Resanova, Stanley Schulman, M. D. Scott, George Stanaszek, Charles and Louis Verive, Chester Wisinger and Charles York.

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19 Indicted in \$1 Million Loan Racket

BY ROBERT DAVIS

Nineteen men, including a minister and several crime syndicate figures, were indicted yesterday on charges they bilked more than 70 hospitals, colleges, convalescent homes and other victims out of more than \$1 million.

In a 41-count indictment, the 19 were charged by the federal government with collecting more than \$1 million in finders' fees to arrange mortgage loans which were never made.

Fees as High as \$46,500

The indictment charges the men collected fees ranging as high as \$46,500 thru a phony organization, Church of Christ Manors, Inc. The government charged the organization falsely claimed that it was lending funds of the Independent Churches of Christ.

Church of Christ Manors had several offices from 1966 to 1970, including a major one at 30 N. La Salle St.

Worthless letters of commitment for loans thru Church of Christ Manors were issued the victims, who then encountered continued excuses and delays as they pressed for the loans, it is alleged.

The indictments were returned before Judge Edwin A. Robson in Federal District Court who fixed bonds ranging up to \$150,000 for the defendants.

The highest bond was for Alexander Gaus Jr., 48, of 1132 Carlyle Ct., Arlington Heights, identified as financial consultant to the organization. Gaus has appealed a five-year prison sentence imposed at Madison, Wis., growing out of the organization's operations for passing fraudulent checks.

President of Group

The Rev. Cyrus Welch, 52, of Madison, identified as pastor of a Church of Christ at Footville, Wis., near Madison, was identified as president of Church of Christ Manors.

Charles York, 48, of Lodi,

Cal., was identified as the organization's secretary treasurer.

Most of the others, according to James R. Thompson, United States attorney, set up various businesses over the nation, pretending the businesses were lending agents for Church of Christ Manors.

All 19 were charged in the indictment with fraud by wire conspiracy to commit mail fraud, and interstate transportation of stolen money. Some of them also were charged with mail fraud.

Identified as Loan Sharks

Among others named were James [the Bomber] Catuara, 66, of 9600 S. Kilbourn Av., Oak Lawn, and Frank Fratto, 56, of 5207 N. Reserve St. The Illinois Crime Investigating Commission identified them in 1970 as among 23 men comprising the "upper strata" of the loan shark racket in Chicago.

According to the commission, Fratto, known as "One Ear Frankie," has been arrested several times since 1941, and in 1951 was placed on three years probation for interstate theft of whisky.

The commission reported Catuara was sentenced to 5 to 25 years in prison in 1933 for compounding explosives.

Another of the hoodlums indicted is Guido Fidanzi, 44, who was serving five years in federal prison for income tax evasion when, on Feb. 10, 1970, a four-year prison sentence was added in Federal District Court here for defrauding business men in a loan racket.

Fidanzi and another defendant, Earl Dauber, 36, of Valparaiso, Ind., whose police record includes several arrests, were identified by the commission as minor figures in the juice loan racket.

The others named, with addresses listed by Thompson are:

Stanley Durka, 46, of Watseka, Iroquois County; Anthony Gizzi, of Silver Springs, Md.;

Daniel Jerome, 63, of Minneapolis; James V. Micucci, 39, of 7914 W. North Av., Elmwood Park; Robert Ostrander, of Chicago.

Louis Rosanova, 49, of 523 We-Go Tr., Mount Prospect; Stanley Schulman, 36, of San Diego, Cal.; M. D. Scott, of New York City; George Stan-

aszek, 49, of 1120 Augustana St., Ingleside; Charles Verive, 41, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Louis Verive, 46, of Huntington Beach, Cal., and Chester Weisinger, of Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Charles Verive is under indictment with others in Criminal Court in a \$2.5 million swindle of Chicago Title & Trust Co.



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United States Atty. Jim Thompson announcing indictments of 19 persons on mail fraud charges.

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Collected more than \$1 million

How mob bilked churches

BY MICHAEL HIRSLEY
AND SY ADELMAN

FOOTVILLE, WIS., POPULATION 700, was the hub of a loan racket which led to what the United States attorney's office here calls its biggest indictment ever.

Church of Christ Manor, Inc.—founded in 1967 in the small farming community 25 miles south of Madison—collected more than \$1 million in fees as a "finder's organization" to get loans for 70 church projects across the country. Those loans were never obtained and the fees never repaid.

Contrary to its promotional material, it was not an agency of the Church of Christ Inc. Many of the victims were Church of Christ members.

The Rev. Cyrus E. Welch, 52, was president of the firm and pastor of the Footville Church of Christ until 1970.

According to the U. S. attorney's office, the racket has not operated for the last two years, but it has taken until now to locate and question the scores of victims.

THE INDICTMENT, RETURNED by a federal grand jury yesterday, charges Welch and 18 others, including reputed hoodlums, with mail fraud, fraud by wire, interstate transfer of stolen money and conspiracy.

Prominent among those indicted with Welch were James [The Bomber] Catuara, 55, of 9600 S. Kilbourn Av., Oak Lawn, and Frank [One Ear] Fratto, 56, of 5207 N. Reserve St., both named by the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission in 1970 as upper echelon members of the crime syndicate.

Also among those indicted are Guido Filanzi, 44, of Chicago Heights, convicted of loan fraud, and Lou Rosanova, 49, of 523 We-Go Trail, Mount Prospect, arrested in connection with a number of cartage thefts and a former golf pro. Rosanova is known as the former golfing buddy of Jackie [The Mackey]. Cerone, former mob chief who is serving a prison sentence.

In terms of the "advance fee" involved and the number of victims and defendants, the indictment is the largest ever obtained by the Justice Department here, according to Assistant U. S. Atty. Samuel Skinner.

While other communities lost more dollars in the scheme, none were stung more bitterly than tiny Footville.

There are basically two occupations in Footville—working in the Chevrolet plant in nearby Janesville, or farming. Half the residents are farmers.

In 1966, more than 400 residents were in the congregation of the Church of Christ. Cyrus Welch had been pastor for 19 years.

"He was a real good minister up until the time he met Mr. [Alex] Gaus," recalled Roger Brown, a farmer who was an elder of the church in 1966.

Gaus, 48, of Arlington Heights, was among the 19 indicted.

BROWN SAID GAUS GOT Welch to "change his way of doing things. Gaus was promoting an \$800,000 home for the elderly here," Brown said. "We, and I mean by that the congregation, borrowed \$5,000 from the Footville State Bank. The money was to be returned when we got our FHA loan.

"The loan never came thru," Brown said. "We never got our money back, either."

Brown became suspicious and began checking when there was no loan by August, 1967. "I realized something was wrong when I checked with FHA offices in Chicago and Milwaukee and was told nobody had ever applied for a loan."

He also began to hear about other Church of Christ churches and bible schools which were in similar situations. At one time, Brown said, he had notes on \$150,000 in fees paid by Church of Christ members for loans which never came.

Before he talked to the congregation, Brown said, he told other church board members, "I can remember some of us begging the Rev. Welch, with tears in our eyes, to break his relations with Alex Gaus," Brown said. "He didn't listen."

AS NEWS OF the predicament spread in the town and local newspapers criticized Welch, the pastor told the congregation that he had been duped by Gaus.

"People took sides for and against him," Brown said. "Some people in the church still feel he was wronged."

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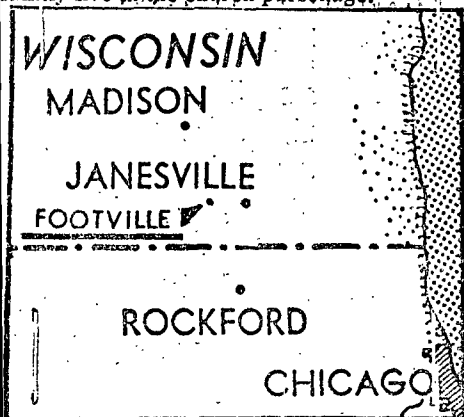
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Welch left Footville in the summer of 1970 and moved to Madison, where he became a traveling insurance salesman. Last year, when the pastor of the Winnequah Christian Church in Madison [Church of Christ affiliation] resigned, the congregation asked Welch to preach on Sundays. He now doubles as salesman and minister. He and his family live in the church parsonage.



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Indict cleric, 18 others in \$1 million swindle

Accused of keeping loan fees

By Robert Signer

A Wisconsin minister who drove a gold-colored Lincoln Continental until he was forced to resign by an angry congregation is now a key figure in an alleged \$1 million swindle.

The Rev. Cyrus E. Welch, 52, was the popular pastor of the Church of Christ in Footville, Wis., for 19 years until he became involved with Alexander Gaus Jr., another figure in the fee scheme.

Mr. Welch, now of Madison, Wis., and Gaus, 46, of 1132 E. Carlyle, Arlington Heights, and 17 other men were indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury in Chicago on mail fraud charges.

THE INDICTMENT accused the men of collecting the \$1 million in "finders' fees" from 70 victims—including hospitals, colleges and individuals—who hoped to obtain loans for construction purposes.

U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson said the ring operated under the name of Church of Christ Manors Inc., 30 N. La Salle, Chicago.

The indictment said the organization falsely claimed to be connected with the Churches of Christ or the Christian Churches of America.

Mr. Welch was identified as the president of Church of Christ Manors Inc., which was founded in 1967.

GAUS reportedly went to Mr. Welch in 1966 and proposed an \$300,000 housing project for the elderly to be backed with a \$5,000 "faith check" by Mr. Welch's congregation in Footville, in southern Wisconsin.

The congregation borrowed the \$5,000 from the Footville State Band and turned it over to Gaus and Mr. Welch. The congregation was told that a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration would be made to finance the project.

In the fall of 1967, a congregation spokesman checked with FHA offices in Milwaukee and Chicago and learned that Church of Christ Manors had not applied for a loan.

The dissident congregation members hired a lawyer and went into Circuit Court in an effort to oust Mr. Welch, who then resigned.

AMONG the 19 indicted Tuesday were James Catuara, 36, reputed chief of the syndicate's south suburban rackets operation; Guido Fidanzi, 44, an alleged syndicate juice operator and confidence man; Frank Fratto, 56, an alleged syndicate terrorist, and Lou Rosanova, said to be a frequent companion of John Cerone, righthand man of mob chief-tain Anthony Accardo.

Joseph Y. Stein, named as a co-conspirator, is expected to be a key figure in the prosecution.

Stein, 42, of 7321 N. Kostner, Lincolnwood, was an associate of the mob leader Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio. He pleaded guilty last year to operating a mortgage fee racket and was sentenced to four years in federal prison.

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U.S. indicts 19 in \$1-million loan fee racket

By Ari Petacque and Max Sonderky

Nineteen persons, including several crime syndicate figures and a minister, were indicted Tuesday in connection with a loan racket that allegedly netted more than \$1 million.

Syndicate members named by the federal grand jury in the 55-page indictment included Guido Fidanzi, James Catuara, Frank Fratto and William Dauber. The indictment charges that they and the others collected advance fees from 70 victims on promises to obtain mortgage and construction loans. U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson said the loans were not obtained and the fees never repaid. Among the victims were a number of churches and other religious institutions and businessmen, the indictment said.

False link to churches

The indictment said the corporate vehicle for the alleged swindle was a firm called Church of Christ Manors Inc. The indicted minister, the Rev. Cyrus E. Welsh, 52, of Madison, Wis., headed the firm as president when it was founded in 1967.

According to the indictment, the firm falsely represented that Church of Christ Manors Inc. was an agency of the Church of Christ denomination. The government charges that the firm's promotional material included financial statements of the Church of Christ and Christian Churches of America which showed assets of \$838 million. The Church of Christ Manors outfit had no access to the church money, it was pointed out. But prospective loan clients often assumed that loans would be forthcoming from the church money, the government said.

Those indicted were charged with mail fraud, fraud by wire, interstate transportation of stolen money and conspiracy.

Ex-prosecutor indicted

Others indicted were the following:

Stanley Durks, a Watseka (Ill.) lawyer and a former Iroquois County assistant state's attorney; Alex Gaus Jr., 48, of Arlington Heights, described as the scheme's chief promoter; Anthony Gizzi, of Silver Spring, Md., and Daniel Jerome, 63, of Minneapolis.

Also, James Micucci, 39, of Elmwood Park, Robert Ostrander, no known address; Louis Rosanova, 49, of Mount Prospect; Stanley

Schulman, 36, of San Diego; M. D. Scott, of New York City; George Stanaszek, 49, of Ingleside, Ill.; Charles Verive, 41, of Phoenix, Ariz.; his brother, Louis Verive, 46, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Chester Weisinger, of Bedford Hills, N.Y., and Charles York, 48, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Rosanova and the Verive brothers have been linked to crime syndicate hoodlums by federal investigators in the past.

The grand jury acted on information provided by the Special Investigations Unit of the office of U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson. The unit is headed by Asst. U.S. Atty. Samuel K. Shinner.

In addition to the 19 indicted, the grand jury named 23 persons as unindicted co-conspirators.

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Finance Wizard tattles on mob

By Art Petacque

A convicted crime syndicate financial wizard is freely spilling mob secrets in long sessions with federal agents. The Sun-Times learned Saturday.

The talkative hoodlum, Joseph Y. Stein, has been taken from his cell in the federal prison at Sandstone, Minn., to hideaways for his interviews with Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and postal inspectors. Some interviews have been conducted in Chicago.

Stein, formerly of Lincolnwood, was a business associate of Felix Alderisio, the late mob boss. Stein was sentenced to four years in prison last year for his role in a multimillion-dollar mortgage-face swindle.

Stein is said to be talking in such detail and with such knowledge of syndicate operations that his co-operation is considered a major breakthrough in the Justice Department's campaign against organized crime.

With Stein's disclosures, the government has obtained for the first time a blueprint of the mob's invasion of legitimate business. Among names dropped by Stein in his conversations with the federal men are those of syndicate "hit" men (executioners) and extortionists, names Stein learned in "business" sessions with Alderisio and his colleagues.

The first indication that Stein's disclosures are being translated into federal action came last week when 19 persons, including a rain-maker and four major crime syndicate figures, were indicted in an alleged \$1-million racket. Stein, named an unindicted co-conspirator, is expected to be a key witness at their trial.

The 19 are accused of collecting advance fees on loans that never materialized. The indictment charges the defendants were associated with a firm called Church of Christ Manors Inc., which they falsely represented as having access to the financial resources of the Church of Christ.

Stein, by suddenly deciding to talk, reversed his policy of silence on syndicate matters. Two factors — a distaste for prison life and the death last fall of syndicate terrorist Alderisio — apparently figured in the turnaround. The talking sessions have given Stein long breaks from the prison routine.

As for Alderisio, he had reportedly warned Stein that he would be murdered if he ever talked openly about mob matters. The death of Alderisio — on Sept. 25, 1971, in the federal penitentiary at Marion, Ill., where he was serving a five-year sentence for bank fraud — apparently convinced Stein he could safely co-operate with the federal men.

Stein, 42, a dapper type who enjoyed large autos and high living while he was a big-money rackets man, first felt the hot breath of FBI agents on his neck in 1965, when he fleeced a South Side savings and loan association of \$131,000 through a series of bad checks.

In 1966, FBI men discovered Stein was carrying Alderisio on the payroll of a finance company he operated from 645 N. Michigan. The relationship was established, in part, through an eavesdropping device planted in a desk at the office.

Recent interviews with Stein reportedly have yielded the names of dozens of hoodlums as well as many supposedly legitimate businessmen who became enmeshed in deals with the mob. Stein also reportedly named politicians with whom Alderisio had contacts.

Stein's tales of syndicate financial deals are said to encompass such areas as planned bankruptcies for a profit, arson for falling businesses and juice loans to troubled businessmen.

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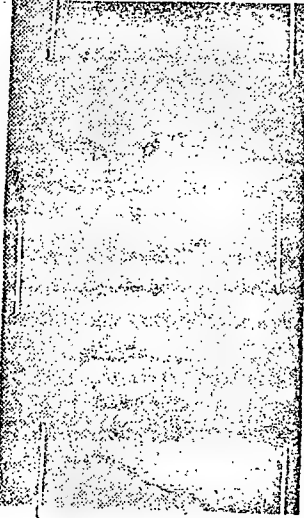
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Stein is known to have been a treasured agent for the syndicate because of his business contacts. A survey by postal inspectors in 1970 showed that Stein operated in a score of cities and in Hawaii, maintained accounts at nine banks across the nation and had fleeced some 200 businessmen out of an estimated \$2.5 million.



JOSEPH Y. STEIN

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On 2/18/72, Informer advised that JAMES CATUARA continues to be one of the most powerful men in the Blue Island area. He has always been a close companion of [REDACTED] and still represents his interests. CATUARA is closely tied to the Chicago Heights outfit. The Heights group seems to be much more sure of themselves since [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Informer said that CATUARA seems to work closely with PILOTTO who is in a good position to become very powerful in the area. He already exercises much influence and remains a close associate of FRANK LAPORTE.

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JAMES CATUARA;
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] indicated concern about his arrest on 2/15/72 on federal charges. Source indicated that CATUARA reportedly has arranged for [REDACTED] to provide the United States Attorney's Office with a statement claiming that CATUARA had nothing to do with the federal charge. [REDACTED] who has long been associated with CATUARA, appears to be gravely concerned about this federal case.

CATUARA indicated that he plans to leave for Tucson, Arizona, on a pleasure trip on 3/6/72, and intends to obtain permission of the federal court for his travel.

On 2/23/72, source advised that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he had a heart attack in New York is now reportedly improving and is expected to recover from this ailment.

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USM Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #	7-12-31	ETA	
FD Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #C-48136	4-18-33	hoab in poss.	11-17-33, sent. to Joliet, Ill., Pen. #321-F, 5 to 25 yrs. on chg. of compounding explosives
SP Joliet, Ill.	James Catuara #821	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	10-13-70	Burg CH38-19-1	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286 106	4-22-71	Gambling investigation	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	4-30-71	Gambling	L.F.D. on chg of inmate
USM Cngo Ill	James Catuara #74358	2-15-72	Postal Laws	

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USM Chgo Ill	James Catuara #74358	2-15-72	Postal Laws	
Cook Co Jail Chgo Ill	James Catuara #7201693	2-15-72	SKIMS	

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CC:FBI Chicago, Ill	<p>Copy of record was furnished Postal Inspector Chicago, Ill as maybe identical with subject of their inquiry dated 2-24-72.</p> <p>Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.</p>			

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SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

3/14/72

SAC, PHOENIX (92-553) (RUC)

JAMES CATUARA, aka
A2

CC: CG

Reurnitels 1/24/72 and 2/17/72.

For the information of Chicago, the following individuals were contacted in an effort to locate the subject:

[redacted] Tucson Inn,
127 West Drachman

[redacted] Tucson
House, 1501 North Miracle Mile

[redacted] Pima County SO

[redacted] Intelligence Section,
Arizona Department of Public Safety

[redacted] Special Investigations Unit,
Tucson PD

In view of the information contained in referenced nitel dated 2/17/72, this matter is being RUC'd.

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Date of transcription 3/2/72

The following observations were made on
February 24, 1972:

11:18 a.m. A white over green Cadillac El Dorado, 1972 Illinois license 557-000 was parked on the north side of the street at 252 West 31st Street, which is the address of Hawks S.A.C.

11:40 a.m. An unknown white male adult placed a large cardboard box in the trunk of the above mentioned car. He had come from the south side of 31st Street and after placing the box in the trunk, he entered Hawks S.A.C. b7C

11:55 a.m. JAMES CATUARA came from Hawks S.A.C. and walked to the south side of 31st Street.

12:00 noon CATUARA entered the Cadillac and departed immediately. He traveled to Chicago Heights via Interstate Highway 57 and Kedzie Avenue. He stopped at the Mobil Oil Station at Highways 54 and 30, then made a u-turn and went to the Henrici Restaurant at Indiana Avenue and Highway 30, Park Forest, Illinois.

12:36 p.m. CATUARA parked the Cadillac in the lot of Henrici's Restaurant. Already in the lot was AL PILOTTO's black over red Riviera, 1972 Illinois license AP 550.

1:50 p.m. CATUARA's car and PILOTTO's car were gone from the Henrici lot.

Interviewed on 2/24/72 at Chicago and Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 26-62656
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by SAs and [redacted] JCP/dml Date dictated 2/25/72

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CG 92-1371

2:12 p.m.

CATUARA's car was parked in the lot of Savoia's Restaurant, 560 Highway 30, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The front window of this car was slightly dirty so that all digits of the serial number on the dash board were not clearly visible. The first two digits were hazy and appeared to be either 49 or 69. The remainder of the serial number was 3471Q417122.

2:30 p.m.

CATUARA came from Savoia's Restaurant, entered the Cadillac and proceeded east on Highway 30.

2:42 p.m.

CATUARA's car was parked at the rear of the office of Local Five, Laborer's International Union, 2318 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Parked beside it was AL PILOTTO's black over red Riviera.

2:51 p.m.

CATUARA's car was gone from the rear of the office of Local Five

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TELETYPE

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TO : DIRECTOR (92-6931) AND SAC, PHOENIX (92-553)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL; ITSMV.

OO: CHICAGO.

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR. OO: CHICAGO.

REMYTEL TO PHOENIX INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUREAU INVESTIGATION CHICAGO HAS DEVELOPED INFO THAT 71 CADILLAC EL DORADO, VIN 693471Q417122 BEARING 72 ILLINOIS LICENSE 557000, TITLED AND REGISTERED TO JAMES CATUARA IN ILLINOIS IS IN FACT STOLEN CAR CONSISTING OF PUBLIC VIN PLATE, ENGINE, TRANSMISSION AND FRAME OBTAINED AS SALVAGE BEARING VIN 693471Q417122 WITH THE REMAINDER OF CAR CONSISTING OF BODY AND INTERIOR FROM 71 CADILLAC.

EL DORADO BEARING VIN 693471Q400898 WHICH CAR WAS STOLEN AT CHICAGO ON 10/13/71.

THE 71 EL DORADO VIN 69347122 WAS STOLEN LOCALLY AT CHICAGO ON 7/20/71 AND RECOVERED THREE DAYS THEREAFTER ~~STOLEN~~ STRIPPED OF SHEET METAL. REMAINS OF CAR INSURED BY SAFEWAY INSURANCE COMPANY WERE SOLD TO UNIVERSAL AUTO PARTS, HOWEVER,

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ORIGINAL OWNER [REDACTED] WHO ENDORSED TITLE DID NOT PUT NAME OF TRANSFERREE ON ILLINOIS TITLE. SAFEWAY NEGLECTED TO ENTER THEIR NAME OF UNIVERSAL AUTO PARTS NAME AS TRANSFERREE.

CADILLAC MOTORS FURNISHED COMPUTER PRINT OUT SHOWING THAT ONLY 76 71 EL DORADOS WERE PRODUCED AT DETROIT WITH WHITE VINYL TOP, SAUSALITO GREEN BODY AND AN ANTIQUE JADE LEATHER INTERIOR. INVESTIGATION HAS SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED 75 OF THESE EL DORADOS IN POSSESSION OF LEGITIMATE OWNERS LEAVING ONLY EL DORADO STOLEN ON 10/13/71 UNACCOUNTED FOR. OBSERVATION OF CATUARA'S CAR INDICATES IT IS 71 EL DORADO, WHITE VINYL TOP, SAUSALITO GREEN BODY, AND DARK GREEN INTERIOR.

FURTHER, CATURRA FRAUDULENTLY STATED ON BOTH APPLICATION FOR TITLE IN ILLINOIS AND REGISTRATION TO OBTAIN LICENSE PLATES THAT HE HAD OBTAINED CAR DIRECTLY FROM [REDACTED] WHILE IN FACT IT WAS SOLD AS SALVAGE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER HAS BEEN CONDUCTED VERY DISCREETLY INASMUCH AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AUSA, CHICAGO, WILL AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION FOR ITSMV UPON DETERMINATION THAT CATUARA HAS IN HIS POSSESSION 71 EL DORADO VIN 693471Q417122, OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT RECORDS AT CHICAGO INDICATE CATUARA OBTAINED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO PHOENIX FROM 3/4/72 TO 4/4/72, AND IS REPORTEDLY STAYING AT THE ARIZONA MANOR HOTEL. CATUARA INDICATED TO COURT THAT HE WAS TRAVELING BY CAR.

PHOENIX DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IF CATUARA USED 71 EL DORADO, VIN 693471Q417122 TO TRAVEL TO PHOENIX AND IF IT IS IN HIS POSSESSION. IF SO PHOENIX IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY CHICAGO, SO THAT AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT MAY BE FILED, NOTING THAT AUSA, CHICAGO, WISHES CATUARA TO BE ARRESTED WHILE PHYSICALLY IN POSSESSION OF CAR. CATUARA NOT TO BE ARRESTED UNTIL COMPLAINT FILED.

NR005 CG PLAIN

146PM URGENT 3-23-72 EOM

TO PHOENIX

FROM CHICAGO (26-62656) (P) 2P

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[REDACTED] ET AL. ITSMV. OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELCALL TO PHOENIX, INSTANT.

FOR INFO PHOENIX JAMES CATUARA, SUBJECT OF PHOENIX FILE
NINETY TWO-FIVE FIVE THREE, UPPER ECHELON MEMBER CHICAGO
AREA ORGANIZED CRIME PRESENTLY OUT ON BOND IN MAIL FRAUD
CASE, REPORTED TO USDC, CHICAGO, THAT HE WAS TRAVELING TO
TUCSON AROUND MARCH SIX, LAST.

EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE WHOSE LIFE MAY BE ENDANGERED
BY PREMATURE ACTION HAS INDICATED POSSIBILITY THAT SEVENTY-
ONE CADILLAC EL DORADO, WHITE VINYL OVER SAUSALITO GREEN,
VIN SIX NINE THREE FOUR SEVEN ONE Q FOUR ONE SEVEN ONE TWO
TWO, BEARING SEVENTY-TWO ILLINOIS LICENSE FIVE FIVE SEVEN
ZERO ZERO ZERO MAY BE COMPOSITE OF LEGITIMATE AND STOLEN
PARTS. INVESTIGATION AT CHICAGO NOT YET COMPLETE RE
IDENTIFICATION OF STOLEN CARS USED IN ASSEMBLY OF THE ONE IN
CATUARA'S POSSESSION.

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PHOENIX VERIFY PRESENCE OF CATUARA AT TUCSON AND
DETERMINE MODE OF TRAVEL TO TUCSON FROM CHICAGO. IF CAR~~X~~
USED AS TRANSPORTATION DISCREET OBSERVATION SHOULD BE
CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, AND PLATES, AND
IF POSSIBLE TO OBSERVE PVIN WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF BEING
OBSERVED.

END

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NR014 CG PLAIN

07:45PM URGENT 3-27-72 RWR

TO DIRECTOR

PHOENIX

FROM CHICAGO (26-62656) (P) 4P

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[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL; ITSMV,

OO: CHICAGO.

JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR, OO: CHICAGO NINE TWO - ONE THREE SEVEN ONE; PHOENIX NINE TWO - FIVE FIVE THREE: BUFILE NINE TWO - SIX NINE THREE ONE.

RE MYTEL TO PHOENIX, INSTANT.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU INVESTIGATION AT CHICAGO HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT SEVENTY ONE CADILLAC EL DORADO, VIN SIX NINE THREE FOUR SEVEN ONE Q FOUR ONE SEVEN ONE TWO TWO BEARING SEVENTY TWO ILLINOIS LICENSE FIVE FIVE SEVEN ZERO ZERO ZERO, TITLED AND REGISTERED TO JAMES CATUARA IN ILLINOIS IS IN FACT STOLEN CAR CONSISTING OF PUBLIC VIN PLATE, ENGINE, TRANSMISSION, AND FRAME OBTAINED AS SALVAGE BEARING VIN SIX NINE THREE FOUR SEVEN ONE Q FOUR ONE SEVEN ONE TWO TWO WITH THE REMAINDER OF CAR CONSISTING OF BODY AND INTERIOR FROM SEVENTY ONE CADILLAC EL DORADO BEARING VIN SIX NINE THREE FOUR SEVEN ONE Q FOUR ZERO ZERO EIGHT NINE EIGHT WHICH CAR WAS STOLEN AT CHICAGO ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN, LAST.

THE SEVENTY ONE EL DORADO VIN SIX NINE THREE FOUR SEVEN
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ONE TWO TWO WAS STOLEN LOCALLY AT CHICAGO ON JULY TWENTY, LAST, AND RECOVERED THREE DAYS THEREAFTER STRIPPED OF SHEET METAL. REMAINS OF CAR INSURED BY SAFEWAY INSURANCE COMPANY WERE SOLD TO UNIVERSAL AUTO PARTS, HOWEVER, ORIGINAL OWNER [REDACTED] WHO ENDORSED TITLE DID NOT PUT NAME OF THE TRANSFERREE ON ILLINOIS TITLE. SAFEWAY NEGLECTED TO ENTER THEIR NAME OF UNIVERSAL AUTO PARTS NAME AS TRANSFERREE.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT RECORDS AT CHICAGO INDICATE
CATUARA OBTAINED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO PHOENIX FROM MARCH
FOUR, LAST, TO APRIL FOUR, NEXT, AND IS REPORTEDLY STAYING
AT THE ARIZONA MANOR HOTEL. CATUARA INDICATED TO COURT
THAT HE WAS TRAVELING BY CAR.

PHOENIX DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IF CATUARA USED SEVENTY ONE
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ONE TWO TWO TO TRAVEL TO PHOENIX AND IF IT IS IN HIS POSSESSION.
IF SO PHOENIX IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY CHICAGO, SO THAT AUTHORIZED
COMPLAINT MAY BE FILED, NOTING THAT AUSA, CHICAGO, WISHES
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CATUARA TO BE ARRESTED WHILE PHYSICALLY IN POSSESSION OF CAR. CATUARA
NOT TO BE ARRESTED UNTIL COMPLAINT FILED
AND WARRANT ISSUED.

END

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NR003 CG PLAIN

150 PM URGENT 3-27-72 EMS

TO PHOENIX

FROM CHICAGO (26-62656) (P) 2P

[REDACTED] ET AL. ITSMV. 00: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY-THREE, LAST, AND
PHOENIX TELETYPE CAPTIONED "JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. 00: CHICAGO"
MARCH TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

AUSA, CHICAGO, ADVISED INSTANT THAT CATUARA OBTAINED
PERMISSION ON FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, FROM USDC, CHICAGO,
TO TRAVEL TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WHERE HE INTENDED TO STAY
FROM MARCH FOUR, LAST, TO APRIL FOUR, NEXT. CATUARA'S MOTION
TO PERMIT THIS TRAVEL INDICATED HE WAS GOING BY CAR. HE
IS REPORTEDLY STAYING AT THE ARIZONA MANOR HOTEL, PHOENIX,
ARIZONA.

CAR DESCRIBED IN PHOENIX TELETYPE AT TUSCON BELONGS TO
MATHEW J. ALAGNA, PRESIDENT OF TRAILER LEASING COMPANY, FOUR
NINE TWO TWO FOUR SOUTH AUSTIN AVENUE, FOREST VIEW, ILLINOIS. HE
MAINTAINS A RESIDENCE AT TUSCON HOUSE ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO MIRACLE
MILE, TUSCON, ARIZONA, WHERE HIS WIFE PRESENTLY HAS THE CAR.

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PHOENIX DETERMINE IF CATUARA STAYING AT ARIZONA MANOR
HOTEL AND, THROUGH REGISTRATION CHECK AND OBSERVATION,
DETERMINE WHAT VEHICLE HE IS USING.

SUTEL.

END

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352 PM URGENT 3-28-72 WJG

TO CHICAGO (26-62656)

FROM PHOENIX (26-34384) 1P

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[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL. ITSMV. OO: CHICAGO.

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JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO. NINE TWO - ONE THREE SEVEN ONE; PHOENIX NINE TWO - FIVE FIVE THREE; BUFILE NINE TWO - SIX NINE THREE ONE.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

FOR INFO CHICAGO, PERIODIC CHECKS SINCE EARLY MORNING THIS DATE AT ARIZONA MANOR HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE REGARDING LOCATION OF SEVENTY-ONE CADILLAC EL DORADO DESCRIBED IN RETEL. ONLY VEHICLE LOCATED IN PARKING LOT WITH ILLINOIS PLATE IS A CADILLAC SEDAN DE VILLE, BLACK IN COLOR, ILLINOIS LICENSE [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION CONTINUING DISCREETLY AND NO CONTACT BEING MADE REGARDING SUBJECT BEING REGISTERED GUEST IN VIEW OF GENERAL POOR REPUTATION OF THE ARIZONA MANOR WHICH IS CONSIDERED A HOODLUM AND GAMBLER HANG OUT.

CHICAGO SUTEL IDENTITY OF OWNER OF ABOVE ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATE. PENDING.

END

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NR 04 PX PLAIN

11:06 AM URGENT 3-29-72 WJG

TO CHICAGO (26-62656)
FROM PHOENIX (26-34384) 1P

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[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL. ITSMV. OO: CHICAGO.

JAMES CATUARA, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO. NINE TWO - ONE THREE
SEVEN ONE; PHOENIX NINE TWO - FIVE FIVE THREE; BUFILE NINE TWO -
SIX NINE THREE ONE.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO CHICAGO, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

CATUARA NOT LOCATED IN PHOENIX. PRETEXT CALL MADE TODAY
REFLECTS CATUARA CHECKED OUT, DATE NOT OBTAINED.

EFFORTS TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS GONE TO TUCSON CONTINUING.

CHICAGO MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT SOURCES IN AN ATTEMPT TO
DETERMINE HIS ITINERARY.

PENDING.

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1133AM URGENT 3-29-72 EOM

TO DIRECTOR

PHOENIX (26-34384)

FROM CHICAGO (26-62656) (P) 2P

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[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA, AKA; ET AL ITSMV OO: CHICAGO.

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ONE THREE SEVEN ONE; PHOENIX NINE TWO-FIVE FIVE THREE;
BUFILE NINE TWO-SIX NINE THREE ONE.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO CHICAGO MARCH TWO EIGHT, LAST.

SEVENTY TWO ILLINOIS PLATE VC ONE FIVE ZERO EIGHT

ISSUED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR SEVENTY CADILLAC, FOUR

DOOR SEDAN, VIN L ZERO TWO ZERO ZERO TWO EIGHT NINE.

[REDACTED] HAS ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND PHOENIX, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S

OFFICE, CHICAGO, FEELS PROOF OF ITSMV COULD BE MOST

CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATED BY COVERAGE OF DEPARTURE OF

CATUARA FROM ARIZONA AND ARRIVAL AT CHICAGO WITH ARREST TO

FOLLOW. USA, FEELS THIS WOULD ENABLE HIS OFFICE TO

OBTAIN BOND REVOCATION ON MAIL FRAUD CHARGES FOR WHICH

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CATUARA ARRESTED LAST MONTH BY POSTAL INSPECTORS.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, PHOENIX IS REQUESTED TO CHECK
CONVICT REGISTRATION AND UTILIZE INFORMANTS AND PRETEXT
TO SEE IF CATUARA AT ARIZONA MANOR HOTEL. COVERAGE
SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO INSURE THAT CATUARA DOES NOT
DEPART ARIZONA PRIOR TO APRIL FOUR, NEXT, WITHOUT BEING
OBSERVED.

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LMR FBI WA DC

NR 013 PX PLAIN

9:29 PM 3-29 -72 NITEL RPR

TO CHICAGO (26-62656)

FROM PHOENIX (26-34384) (IP)

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JAMES CATUARA, AKA; AR. OO: CHICAGO. CHICAGO FILE NINE TWO - ONE THREE SEVEN ONE; PHOENIX NINE TWO - FIVE FIVE THREE; BUFILE NINE TWO - SIX NINE THREE ONE.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE, MARCH TWENTYNINE, SEVENTYTWO.

[REDACTED] ARIZONA MANOR, ADVISES JAMES CATUARA AND WIFE REGISTERED MARCH SEVEN AND DEPARTED JUST PRIOR TO NOON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, TO RETURN TO CHICAGO. ADDRESS LISTED AS NINE SIX ZERO ZERO S. KILBURN, CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] BELIEVED THEY LEFT BY PLANE AND DOES NOT RECALL HAVING SEEN A CAR.

CHECK BEING MADE WITH AIRLINES MARCH THIRTY, NEXT TO DETERMINE IF CATUARA POSSIBLY OBTAINED AIRLINE TICKET.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

DATE: 3/28/72

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

JAMES CATUARA

AR

OO: CG

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated
1/25/72.

On 3/22/72 examination of the records of the
Docket Section of the USA's Office, Chicago, Ill., revealed
the following information:

The subject is one of 20 defendants in a mail fraud,
conspiracy case which has been assigned to docket number
72 CR 95. The subject is charged with violation Title 18,
USC, Sections 1341, 1343, 2384 and 371. The case was investi-
gated by the Postal Inspector's Office and the subject and other
defendants were arrested pursuant to a bench warrant which
was issued on 2/15/72. The subject was released on bail on
2/16/72 after he posted 10 per cent of \$100,000 bond. On
2/25/72 the subject entered a plea of not guilty.

On 2/24/72 the subject was observed placing a large
cardboard box in the trunk of his car which was parked in the
front of the Hawks S.A.C., 242 W. 31st, Chicago, Ill., at 11:40
a.m. The subject entered this car at 12 noon and travelled
to Chicago Heights, where he entered Henrici's Restaurant. Already
in the parking lot of Henrici's Restaurant was AL PILOTTO's
black/red Buick Riviera. At 2:12 p.m. the subject's car was
observed in the parking lot of Savoia's Restaurant, Chicago
Heights; at 2:42 p.m. the subject's car was parked beside AL
PILOTTO's car at the rear of International Laborers Union,
Local 5, office 2318 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Ill.

On 2/28/72 the subject's green Cadillac remained
parked in the front of the Hawks S.A.C. from 12:05 p.m. to
12:50. On 3/8/72 [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, International
Revenue Service, advised that GUIDO FIDANZI had been sentenced
on 3/27/68 to imprisonment for 60 months with 36 months of
that sentence being suspended.

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FIDANZI was released from the penitentiary on 11/23/71 and will be on parole until 3/27/73. FIDANZI is one of the defendants indicted with the subject in the above mentioned mail fraud case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (26-34384) (RUC)

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JAMES CATUARA, aka;
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OO: Chicago
Chicago file 92-1371
Phoenix file 92-553
Bufile 92-6931

Re Chicago teletype 3/27/72; Phoenix teletypes to Chicago 3/28 and 29/72; Chicago teletype 3/29/72; Phoenix telephone calls 3/29 and 30/72.

For the information of the Bureau, investigation at Tucson, Arizona, to locate CATUARA or 1971 El Dorado Cadillac completely negative.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced Phoenix teletypes to Chicago advised that the 1971 Cadillac El Dorado not located at Arizona Manor Hotel, Phoenix, and pretext call on 3/29/72 disclosed that CATUARA had left hotel, date not obtained. Subsequent inquiry at Arizona Manor resulted in the information that CATUARA checked out of hotel about noon on 3/27/72, presumably to return to Chicago by air, no car seen in the possession of CATUARA during stay at hotel.

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On 3/30/72 SA [] checked passenger manifests for March 27, 1972, for trips to Chicago from Phoenix with appropriate officials of American Air Lines and TWA; no reservation or trip ticket located for CATUARA on any flight. On this same date, extensive survey made of all car rentals during period of 3/7-27/72 with appropriate personnel of Hertz, Avis, National and Budget Rent-A-Car companies in Phoenix and no record located indicating that CATUARA rented vehicle during Phoenix stay.

On 3/30/72 discreet contact with [] Arizona Manor Hotel, regarding subject resulted in the information that CATUARA and wife were guests at the hotel during period of 3/7/72 to 3/27/72 on which date CATUARA came to [] and apologized for having to leave sooner than expected but stated that he had just received a telephone call from Chicago advising him that his partner had died and he, CATUARA, would be checking out on that date. [] advised that a review of the trip book from the hotel to Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, for 3/27/72 for the hotel limousine, failed to indicate any trip to the airport on that date. [] stated that during the entire stay of CATUARA he never went anywhere; could always be located around the swimming pool, except for his meals which he always took in the hotel dining room, and he, [] never saw CATUARA in any sort of a car. [] stated that there was no security at the hotel in connection with the parking lot but that he would usually check the parking lot late at night when he left the hotel and he never noted any 1971 green El Dorado Cadillac with Illinois license plates. License plates of regular guests are not recorded on registration card so [] unaware of how CATUARA arrived or departed.

On 3/30/72 contact with [] at the Clowns Den Restaurant, Arizona Manor Hotel, disclosed that he had been in and out of the rear parking lot of the hotel many times during the daytime and evening hours during the past three weeks and had not noted any 1971 green El Dorado Cadillac with Illinois plates.

The above furnished Chicago telephonically on 3/30/72. No further investigation remains to be conducted at Phoenix.

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TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/12/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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92-1371	[REDACTED]
92-2187	[REDACTED]
92-2411	CRIME CONDITIONS, CALUMET PARK (XXXXX) (CLOSED)
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	See attached
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?	
No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage
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CI advised that JIMMIE, the Bomber, is by far the strongest influence in Calumet Township, which includes the area west of Halsted Street and south of Chicago. Calumet Park and Blue Island are included in this area. Years ago [redacted] and Frank LaPorte were the big men in this area, now there is very little influence from the Chicago Heights area. CATUARA pretty well calls all the shots. He has several close lieutenants who live near him in Oak Lawn and they do whatever he tells them to do.

The Syndicate is quite active in both Blue Island and Calumet Park, but they are well insulated and are receiving advise from some of the sharpest lawyers available. [redacted]

[redacted] who has offices in Calumet Park controls the politicians and they all cooperate with the syndicate. The Police Departments in Blue Island and Calumet Park are controlled by [redacted]

[redacted] will protect all of the syndicate's interest and people.

CI pointed out that just as he had predicted before the local election, the IGA Grocery Store in Calumet Park, is now a large Liquor Store, named RAINBOW, it has a retail license, has installed a bar and it is just a matter of time before they receive a class A license to sell liquor. The RAINBOW Store is on 127th Street near Ada Street.

The hottest place in the area right now is HAROLD's Restaurant, which is also on 127th Street, Calumet City. [redacted]

[redacted]
They have prostitutes, gambling and narcotics, as well as obscene films available. [redacted]

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CI said that a lot of horse players are betting in the Blue Island area. Two of the locations they use are the Busy Bee Cleaners ~~at the~~ and the Longbranch Tavern. The Blue Island PD raid on the Busy Bee was just a token raid, because some of the good citizens had been complaining so much about it. ~~xx~~ Two or three runners pick up the bets from the various locations about an hour before the first race and then call them into a central location. CI said that he does not know where the location is, and is not in a position to obtain the number, however, he strongly believes that it will be located some of the Royal-Rin Apartments which are owned by RYNBACK CONSTRUCTION.

CI said that [redacted] is suffering from Cancer and is recovering from a serious operation which removed a lot of his internal organs. He believes that [redacted] will be dead in a few months.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 4/28/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/17 - 4/18/72
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY SNO
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **1/25/72, at Chicago.**

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigation of subject and his associates to determine whether or not they are violating any Federal Statutes.

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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Chicago
1 - Attorney in Charge
Chicago Field Office
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: April 28, 1972

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject indicted and arrested with 18 other persons for Mail Fraud and Conspiracy in 2/72. Subject observed at Henrici's Restaurant and Local 5 International Laborers Union, Chicago Heights, Illinois. ALFRED PILOTTO also present at both locations. Subject reported to have been registered in Arizona Manor Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, from 3/7 - 27/72.

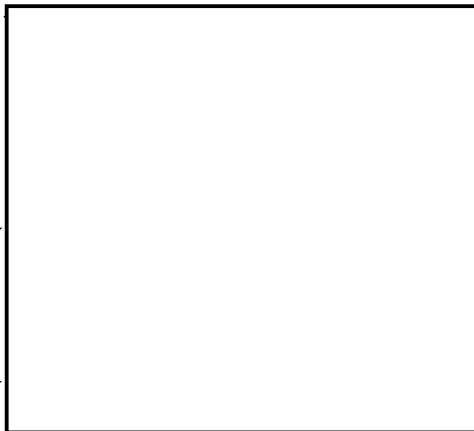
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DETAILS:

The September, 1971, term of the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, returned one indictment in open court on February 15, 1972, before Chief Judge EDWIN A. ROBSON. This case is assigned Federal Docket Number 72CR95 and resulted in the indictment of the subject and the following persons:

[REDACTED]
GUIDO FIDANZI
[REDACTED]

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On April 18, 1972, a review of the records of the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, under docket number 72CR95 revealed that the subject was indicted for mail fraud and conspiracy in Violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 1341 and 1343, 2314 and 371. The case had been investigated by the Postal Inspectors and the subject and his co-defendants were arrested pursuant to a bench warrant that had been issued on February 15, 1972. The subject appeared in court on February 25, 1972, and entered a plea of not guilty to all charges.

On February 28, 1972, the subject's green Cadillac remained parked in front of the Hawks Social Athletic Club, 242 West 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois, from 12:05 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/2/72

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The following observations were made on
February 24, 1972:

11:18 a.m. A white over green Cadillac El Dorado, 1972 Illinois license 557-000 was parked on the north side of the street at 252 West 31st Street, which is the address of Hawks S.A.C.

11:40 a.m. An unknown white male adult placed a large cardboard box in the trunk of the above mentioned car. He had come from the south side of 31st Street and after placing the box in the trunk, he entered Hawks S.A.C.

11:55 a.m. JAMES CATUARA came from Hawks S.A.C. and walked to the south side of 31st Street.

12:00 noon CATUARA entered the Cadillac and departed immediately. He traveled to Chicago Heights via Interstate Highway 57 and Kedzie Avenue. He stopped at the Mobil Oil Station at Highways 54 and 30, then made a u-turn and went to the Henrici Restaurant at Indiana Avenue and Highway 30, Park Forest, Illinois.

12:36 p.m. CATUARA parked the Cadillac in the lot of Henrici's Restaurant. Already in the lot was AL PILOTTO's black over red Riviera, 1972 Illinois license AP 550.

1:50 p.m. CATUARA's car and PILOTTO's car were gone from the Henrici lot.

Interviewed on 2/24/72 at Chicago and Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 26-62656
SAs CG 92-1371
by and JCP/dml Date dictated 2/25/72

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2:12 p.m. CATUARA's car was parked in the lot of Savoia's Restaurant, 560 Highway 30, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The front window of this car was slightly dirty so that all digits of the serial number on the dash board were not clearly visible. The first two digits were hazy and appeared to be either 49 or 69. The remainder of the serial number was 3471Q417122.

2:30 p.m. CATUARA came from Savoia's Restaurant, entered the Cadillac and proceeded east on Highway 30.

2:42 p.m. CATUARA's car was parked at the rear of the office of Local Five, Laborer's International Union, 2318 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Parked beside it was AL PILOTTO's black over red Riviera.

2:51 p.m. CATUARA's car was gone from the rear of the office of Local Five

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On March 17, 1972, the Phoenix Office advised that the following individuals were contacted in an unsuccessful effort to locate subject:

[redacted] Tucson Inn,
127 West Drachman
[redacted]
Tucson House, 1501 North Miracle Mile
[redacted] Pima County Sheriff's Office
[redacted] Intelligence Section,
Arizona Department of Public Safety
[redacted] Special Investigations
Unit, Tucson Police Department.

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On March 29, 1972, the Phoenix Office advised that [redacted] the Arizona Manor Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that JAMES CATUARA and his wife were registered at that hotel from March 7 - 27, 1972. They had departed just prior to noon, March 27, 1972, to return to Chicago, Illinois. They had listed their address as 9600 South Kilburn, Chicago, Illinois.

On March 31, 1972, the Phoenix Office advised that the subject had left the Arizona Manor Hotel presumably to return to Chicago by air and that no car had been observed in the subject's possession during his stay at the hotel.

On March 30, 1972 [redacted] Arizona Manor Hotel, advised that the subject had come to him and stated that he was being required to return to Chicago sooner than expected because his partner had died and that the subject would be leaving on March 27, 1972. [redacted] stated that during the subject's stay, he had never gone anyplace and could always be located around the swimming pool except for his meals, which he always took in the hotel dining room. [redacted] stated that he does not recall the subject going anywhere in an automobile.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/14/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Unsub; Murder of Valerie Percy, Kennilworth, Ill.

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(SA [REDACTED])

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JAMES CATUARA (SA PARKER)

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TONY SPILOTRO

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

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TECIP Tickler

See attached.

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

No

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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JAMES CATUARA:
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On 3/27/72, source stated that JIMMY CATUARA received permission of the USDC, to travel to Phoenix, Arizona and left Chicago on or about 3/6/72. CATUARA will be staying at the Arizona Hotel in Phoenix.

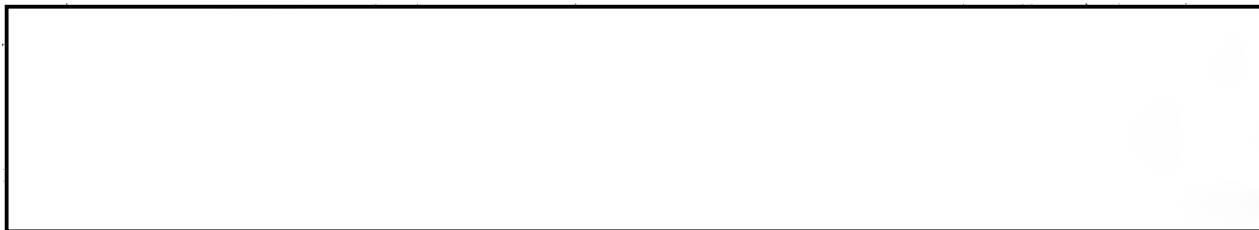
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CATUARA is back in town having returned from Phoenix this past weekend.

[REDACTED] CATUARA drove by car to Phoenix and return.

TONY SPILOTRO

On 3/14/72, source advised that TONY SPILOTRO had a meeting with others not known at the office of Gaylur Mercantile in Chicago.

On 3/15/72, SPILOTRO was still in Chicago and had come in from Las Vegas for the purpose of attending the wake and funeral of LEFTY ROSENTHAL's mother or wife.



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TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/23/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ ☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

May 10 and 22, 1972

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92-1371	JAMES CATUARA, AR	[REDACTED]
92-2187	[REDACTED] AR	[REDACTED]
92-2411	CRIME CONDITIONS, CALUMET PARK, AR	(CLOSED)

Purpose and results of contact

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☒ POSITIVE

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[REDACTED] He said that he feels that JAMES CATUARA continues to be head of the LCN in that area and he does not believe that CATUARA will ever be convicted of the charges brought against him in Federal Court.

CI said that HAROLD's Club is still operating openly and is one of the main gathering places for LCN members and their associates.

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☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Informant was contacted on 5/10/72 and advised that there is considerable activity in Calumet City, Ill. because of the 12 man race for mayor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
willing to open the town to gambling and prostitution for political contributions from [REDACTED] and other organized crime figures. [REDACTED]

on 5/24/72

Informant/indicated that JIMMY CATUARA is alleged to be in frequent contact with unknown hoodlums in the Calumet City area.

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Chicago, Illinois
May 25, 1972

NEWS RELEASE

ROY K. MOORE, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the FBI, announced today the arrest of JAMES CATUARA, based on a bench warrant issued today by the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, at Chicago. This warrant was issued based on an indictment returned today by the Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, charging CATUARA with violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle Statute, receipt of a stolen motor vehicle transported in interstate commerce, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and Receipt of Stolen Property transported in interstate commerce. These charges arose out of CATUARA's transportation of a stolen 1971 Cadillac Eldorado from Chicago to Phoenix, and back to Chicago during March, 1972, and his possession of the stolen car since that time.

CATUARA was arrested at his residence without incident.

CATUARA is married and resides at 9600 South Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]
JAMES CATUARA, aka;
ITSMV
OO: Chicago

(Also see CG 92-1371 captioned "JAMES CATUARA; Aka; AR, oo: CG)

CATUARA is reportedly a high ranking member of organized crime and is head man in the south suburban Chicago area. [REDACTED] who both report to CATUARA, are reportedly responsible for numerous murders.

CATUARA is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	9/26/05
Address	9600 South Kilbourn Oak Lawn, Illinois

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EMPLOYER

QUARTER

INCOME

1. GENERAL MOTORS CORP.
3044 W. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48202

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This report covers period 1969 through 3rd Qtr. 1970

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'Tower Ticker



Last February, Southwest suburban gangster Jimmy [The Bomber] Catuara suffered the ultimate embarrassment of his criminal career when he was among 19 men indicted by Uncle Sam in an alleged \$1 million swindle with religious overtones.

Vehicle for this scheme was a phony organization called the Church of Christ Manors, Inc., an outfit charged by the government with having collected fees as high as \$46,000 from more than 70 hospitals, colleges, and convalescent homes in exchange for promises of loans which never materialized.

Crowning indignity for this hard-nosed expert in explosives was, of course, his indictment in the company of an itinerant preacher named the Rev. Cyrus Welch of Footville, Wis.

And the only thing that preserved any modicum of stature for Catuara was the presence of another co-defendant, Frank [One Ear] Fratto, a fellow mob loan shark and ex-convict.

Needless to say, Catuara was pretty mortified.

So, when he was again arrested by the FBI May 25 in connection with the interstate ramblings of a stolen Cadillac, Jimmy the Bomber was pretty hot.

Altho details of this underworld skullduggery are a bit obscure, this much is known:

Catuara targeted his ire in the direction of a lackey whose blundering he blames for his becoming involved in the hot car rap.

And then last week, a strange coincidence occurred. Somebody fired a passel of potentially painful bullets at the dodging, bobbing, and weaving figure of this unfortunate fellow. All of them missed.

Thus, Jimmy the Bomber is still angry. The goof-up is still in trouble. And so is the incompetent hit man who bungled the job.

Some days it's sure hard to get good help.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 6/12/72

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Author: BOB WIEDRICH

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Title: JAMES CATUARA
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **CHICAGO**

DATE: **JUN 28 1972**

FROM : SA

☒ TE ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ E
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ E (Prob)
☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

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JAMES CATUARA

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JAMES CATUARA was in contact with [redacted] on this date and was advising [redacted] of his recent problems with the FBI which resulted in his arrest on an Interstate Stolen Car charge. According to source, CATUARA does not seem to be too concerned about this particular arrest since CATUARA claims that the individual who sold CATUARA his Cadillac has admitted to CATUARA's attorney that he was responsible for selling the Cadillac to CATUARA as is and that CATUARA was unaware that it was a stolen car.

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

No

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUANA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY cll
		CHARACTER OF CASE MR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED]
Chicago.

dated 4/28/72 at

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report activities of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information received from the Chicago Strike Force disclosed that the subject, SSA [REDACTED] reported income from General Motors Corporation, 3044 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit,

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Michigan. The subjects income was reported as \$2,525.54 during the period 1969 through the 3rd quarter of 1970.

INFORMANTS

[redacted] are in a position to furnish information attributed to them.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
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 SHELDON DAVIDSON
Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Chicago
Date: 7/28/72
Field Office File #: 92-1371 Bureau File #: 92-6931
Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject reportedly took a motor trip to Phoenix, Arizona, during March, 1972, and stayed at the Arizona Hotel in Phoenix. Informant has advised that the subject is the head of the LCN in the Blue Island - Calumet Park, Illinois area. Subject is scheduled to stand trial on mail fraud and conspiracy charges in federal court, November 6, 1972.

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DETAILS:

On April 10, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that the subject traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, from Chicago, Illinois, on or about March 6, 1972; the source said that he returned to Chicago prior to April 3, 1972. The subject, according to [REDACTED] traveled by car and stayed at the Arizona Hotel in Phoenix.

[REDACTED] on June 6, 1972, advised that regarding the subject's arrest by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on a stolen car charge that the subject was unaware that the car was stolen. The source said that the individual who sold the subject a Cadillac has admitted to the subject's attorney that the subject did not know the Cadillac was stolen.

On May 22, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that he feels the subject continues to head the LCN in the Blue Island - Calumet Park, Illinois areas. The source said that he does not feel that the subject will

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be convicted of the federal charges pending against him.

On May 24, 1972, [] advised that the subject is in contact with unidentified hoodlums in the Calumet City, Illinois area.

On July 24, 1972, AUSA FRANK MUKIHA advised that on July 31, 1972, the charge against the subject for violation of the Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Motor Vehicle Statute (72C416) will come before United States Federal Judge HUBERT L. WILL at which time pre-trial motions will be heard and a trial date set.

The federal charges against the subject for mail fraud and conspiracy (92CR95) is set for trial on November 6, 1972.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cg. 92-1371
26-62656

DATE: 8/2/72

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
AR; ITSMV

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On 8/2/72 Subject was observed entering the Village Inn Restuarant, 194th & Halsted, Chicago Heights, Ill. He was driving a late model 2 door, cadillac, maroon/white and registered to [REDACTED] He was travelling with an unknown white, male, 35, 175, 5'9", black wavey hair, sport clothes and walked with a noticable limp. Subject approched the writer and requested info. as to when his auto would be returned to him. He further advised he was receiving \$227.00 per month from the Social Security Adm. for work he had performed in the past. He refused to identify his associate and offered to pay for the writers restuant check (refused). He furnished no other information of value. The conversation lasted approximately 15 minutes. His attitude was freëndly. He was advised to have his attorney contact the USA for any information regarding his indictment for ITSMV.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6931)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) ✓

JAMES CATUARA, AKA, AR. OO: CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE, IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, CHICAGO HOODLUM GUIDO FIDANZI AND EIGHTEEN OTHER PERSONS, INCLUDING JAMES CATUARA, WERE INDICTED AND ARRESTED FOR MAIL FRAUD AND FRAUD BY WIRE VIOLATIONS IN CHICAGO. FIDANZI HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE, AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS AT U.S. PENITENTIARY, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ON AN INCOME TAX EVASION CONVICTION. FIDANZI, ON RELEASE, RETURNED TO CHICAGO AREA AND INFO LATER RECEIVED THAT FIDANZI HAD RESUMED HIS STRONG ARM TACTICS IN THE "JUICE LOAN" RACKET. FIDANZI ALSO KNOWN TO ASSOCIATE WITH CATUARA IN RECENT MONTHS.

ON AUGUST EIGHT INSTANT, INFO RECEIVED THAT AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY AM TODAY FIDANZI FOLLOWED IN HIS AUTOMOBILE INTO HIS COUSIN'S STANDARD STATION, FOURTEENTH STREET, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. BY TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY DRIVING LATE MODEL CHRYSLER

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**WHO SHOT AND KILLED FIDANZI IN GANGLAND FASHION WITH FIVE SHOTS
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CALIBER WEAPON. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO
IDENTIFY AND APPREHEND KILLERS.**

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Crime chief in slain suburb mob war

Gunman traps him in gas station

By Barry Felcher
and William F. Mooney

A crime syndicate chieftain was executed Tuesday in Chicago Heights in what police sources said was a struggle for control of the mob's south suburban territory.

Guido (The Weed) Fidanzi, 45, was shot to death in front of three witnesses in the office of the Malizia Standard Oil station at 251 E. 14th St. by a man who chased him and gunned him down.

Fidanzi had driven into the station, in which his brother-in-law has an interest, to have his auto serviced shortly before 10 a.m.

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The killer and a second man the Ralph Pierce faction of the drive into the station seconds crime syndicate in the south later and the killer entered the suburbs, while Fidanzi was station office, where Fidanzi part of the faction headed by had gone. James (The Bomber) Catuara.

FIDANZI SPOTTED the man as he entered the office and without saying a word tried to run into the men's washroom located off the office.

Lt. Douglas Barger, Chicago Heights chief of detectives, said the killer opened fire on Fidanzi as he ran toward the washroom.

Fidanzi, although wounded was able to shut the washroom door, but the killer kicked open the door and fired two more shots into the hoodlum, including one into the head from a second gun.

The coroner's office said he was wounded seven times.

Chicago Crime Commission investigators said that the last marks of a gangland execution.

fore Fidanzi were members of

The Pierce and Catuara factions have been struggling for control of the mob's lucrative south suburban territory.

FIDANZI, of 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, an ex-convict, faced trial on mail fraud charges in October and federal investigators were seeking to determine if the upcoming trial was a motive for the slaying.

However, Samuel K. Skinner, head of the special investigations division in the U.S. attorney's office, denied that Fidanzi had turned government informer to win more lenient treatment.

The method used in Fidanzi's slaying had all the earmarks of a gangland execution.

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After firing a final shot into February on charges of mail Fidanzi's head to assure his fraud in a \$1 million mortgage-death, the killer calmly pocketed his two guns and walked out of the station, Barger said.

Harvey Johnson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, said the slaying of Fidanzi was the 1,010th man and they sped off. The gangland slaying since the slayer's companion had stood commission began keeping outside the getaway auto, count on 1919. apparently acting as a lookout, during the slaying.

BARGER SAID that the killing was witnessed by a customer, an Illinois Bell Telephone Co. repairman who was repairing a telephone line, and a man who had stopped in the station "to shoot the breeze."

A service station attendant was busy outside pumping gasline into another auto, but also got a look at the killer and his companion, Barger said.

Police declined to identify the witnesses.

FIDANZI'S WIFE, Thelma, was summoned to St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, but became hysterical after viewing his body and could not be questioned by police.

A second woman acquaintance of Fidanzi fainted in front of the Chicago Heights police station and an ambulance was called.

Fidanzi had been sentenced to five years in prison by U.S. District Judge William J. Lynch in 1968 on income tax evasion charges and was released Oct. 20, 1971, from the federal corrections institution at Texarkana, Tex.

JUDGE LYNCH had also sentenced Fidanzi to an additional four years in still another mail fraud case after the hoodlum pleaded guilty, but the case was reassigned to Judge Thomas R. McMillen after Fidanzi charged his lawyer talked him into pleading guilty.

However, Fidanzi again pleaded guilty before McMillen, over the government's objections, and McMillen gave Fidanzi four years probation instead of additional prison time.

Fidanzi, Catuara and 17 other men were indicted last



Guido Fidanzi

2 slay mobster in Chicago Hts.

BY CHRIS AGRELLA

A CRIME SYNDICATE hoodlum was shot to death in gangland style today in a gas station in Chicago Heights.

The victim, Guido Fidanzi, 45, an ex-convict under indictment for fraud, was struck by four bullets after two men ambushed him in his brother in law's gas station at 251 E. 14th St., in the suburb.

Fidanzi, of 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, was listed in the Illinois Crime Commission report on usury and the Chicago Crime Commission's Who's Who in the crime syndicate.

Lt. Frank Grupp of the Chicago Heights police said Fidanzi was killed minutes after pulling into the station to buy gas, a daily routine he followed.

TWO MEN PULLED up in a late model, gold-colored car. One remained at the wheel while the other—apparently holding two buns—entered the station.

Fidanzi was shot twice in the groin and once in the chest with a small caliber gun. Then, as he lay on the floor, the gunman fired one bullet into the side of his head from a larger caliber handgun.

Police said there were three witnesses to the slaying, including Fidanzi's brother in law. Fidanzi was pronounced dead at St. James Hospital in the suburb.

Fidanzi, with a police record dating to 1956, was one of 19 men scheduled to go on trial in Federal Court here Nov. 6 in connection with a scheme that bilked businessmen out of \$1 million in "finders fees" paid to obtain loans, which never materialized.

Fidanzi was not cooperating with the government in the pending fraud trial, according to Samuel K. Skinner, chief of the special investigations division of the United States attorney's office here.

Fidanzi, known to his companions as "The Weed," was sentenced to five years in prison on income tax evasion charges in 1968.

He also was sentenced to four years in prison in 1970 after pleading guilty to defrauding businessmen by promising loans in exchange for advance payments—a scheme similar to the one involved in the pending fraud trial.

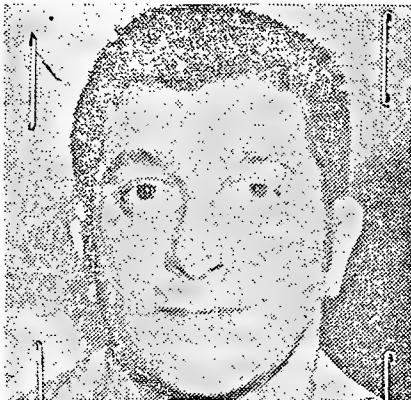
HOWEVER, FIDANZI complained that he was misled by his lawyer in pleading

guilty. The four-year sentence was erased and another judge, Thomas R. McMillin placed him on probation, over the objections of the government.

In the \$1 million fraud case that is pending, the 19 new operated five Chicago offices and several others downstate, in New York, Philadelphia and Richmond, Va., using as a front a bogus company, "Church of Christ Manors Inc."

The group got "front money" from businessmen and a number of church leaders in return for letters of commitment for loans to be obtained from the bogus firm. The letters of commitment were worthless.

United States Atty. James R. Thompson said the businessmen were told the phony firm held \$500 in assets of all the Churches of Christ in America. In reality, the firm had no connection with the religious denomination.



GUIDO FIDANZI
Gunned down

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Fear hood's killing to stir a bloodbath

By Phillip J. O'Connor

A Chicago Crime Commission official Wednesday expressed fears that the slaying of hoodlum Guido (The Weed) Fidanzi could touch off a bloodbath within the Chicago crime syndicate.

"There is definitely a struggle going on for control of the mob's Far South Side and south suburban territory," said Harvey Johnson, the commission's operating director.

"We have the possibility of a bloodbath. Our last two gangland slaying before this one were connected with the power struggle."

New York City has recently been rocked by a mob power struggle that has resulted in the slaying of more than 20 hoodlums.

FIDANZI, 45, was shot to death in front of four eyewitnesses Tuesday in the office of the Malizia Standard Oil station at 251 E. 14th St., Chicago Heights, by a gunman.

Fidanzi had driven to the station to have his auto serviced and was in the station's office when the killer and a second man drove into the station.

Fidanzi tried to flee into a men's washroom in the office as he spotted the killer entering the station. The killer opened fire with a handgun and Fidanzi, although wounded, was able to shut the washroom door.

But the killer kicked open the door, drew a second handgun and fired more shots into the hoodlum, including two shots into the head. One of

the handguns was a .22-caliber weapon and the other was of a larger caliber, either a .38 or .45. Fidanzi was shot seven times.

JOHNSON said that Fidanzi's death was linked to the power struggle for control of the Far South Side and south suburban area because Fidanzi was a lieutenant of James (The Bomber) Catuara.

The Catuara faction of the crime syndicate has been struggling with another faction headed by Ralph Pierce.

Catuara's name is little known outside of gang circles. But he is considered powerful enough that the Justice Department lists him as one of the top seven hoodlums in the Chicago crime syndicate, a step below Anthony (Big Tuna) Accardo and Paul (The Waiter) Ricca.

Johnson said that the last two previous gang victims, who were also apparently slain in the mob power struggle, were Charles W. Carroll, 39, a gambling overseer for Pierce, and Rosario Corriero, who worked for Pierce.

JOHNSON said that the slaying of Fidanzi may have been to avenge the deaths of Carroll and Corriero.

Carroll was found shot, gagged, bound and frozen last March in the trunk of an auto abandoned in the 8100 block of S. Ada St.

Carroll worked for Pierce in black ghetto areas, but reportedly had tried to branch out for himself in the south suburbs.

Corriero was found shot to death last year in the rear of a station wagon in Creté, a

Will County suburb south of Chicago Heights.

FIDANZI, of 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, was scheduled to stand trial in October with Catuara and 17 other men on charges of mail fraud in a \$1 million mortgage-fee scheme.

Samuel K. Skinner, head of the special investigations division in the U.S. Attorney's Office, denied that Fidanzi had turned government informer to win more lenient treatment.

Fidanzi was sentenced to five years in prison by U.S. District Judge William J. Lynch in 1968 on income tax evasion charges. He was released from the federal corrections institution in Texarkana, Tex., last Oct. 20.

LYNCH had also sentenced Fidanzi to an additional four years in still another mail fraud case after the hoodlum pleaded guilty, but the case was reassigned to Judge Thomas R. McMillen after Fidanzi charged his lawyer talked him into pleading guilty.

Fidanzi again pleaded guilty before McMillen over the government's objections and McMillen gave Fidanzi four years probation instead of more prison time.

Catuara reportedly expressed fears to other hoodlums that Fidanzi might "turn stoolie" on him while in federal prison, but Fidanzi resumed his role as a Catuara lieutenant upon his release from prison.

INVESTIGATORS said they plan to question Catuara in the hope of obtaining leads in the slaying investigation.

Fidanzi had had financial problems since his release

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from prison because of high lawyers' fees and other expenses, police said.

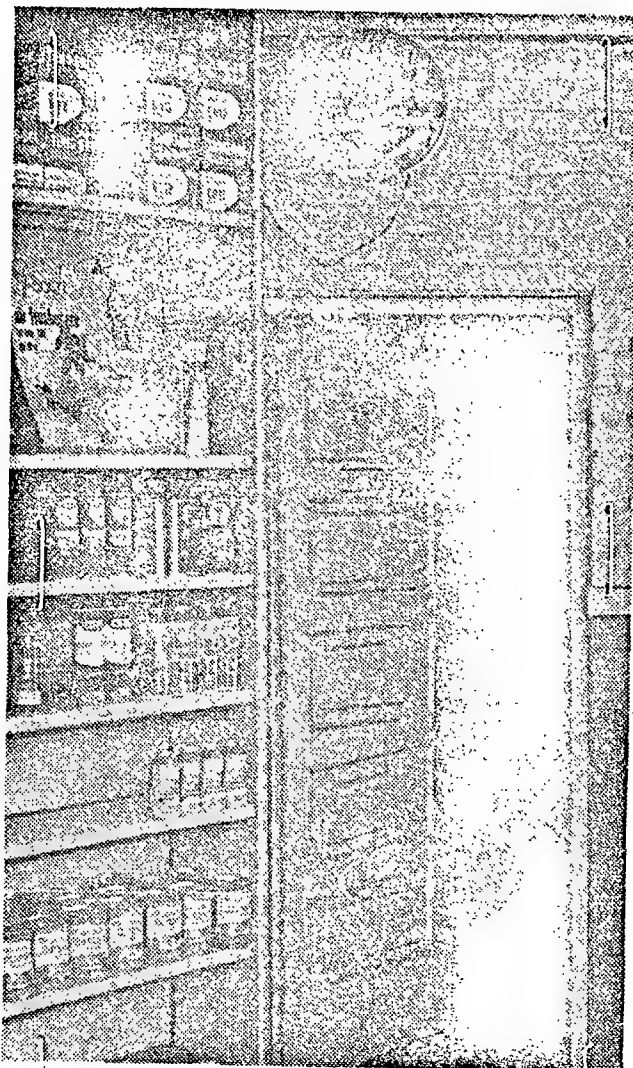
He and his wife, Thelma, lived in a \$35,000 trilevel house and neighbors said that Fidanzi planted and cared for the many flowers and shrubs in the yard. Neighbors said Fidanzi did not socialize with them.

Lieutenant Douglas Barger of Chicago Heights police said that the slaying of Fidanzi was witnessed by Fidanzi's brother-in-law, Tony Renzetti, and three other persons.

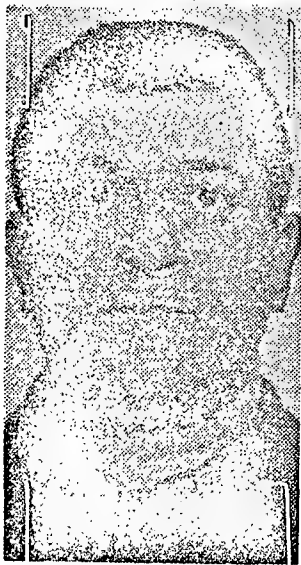
RENZETTI is part-owner of the station at which the slaying occurred and was pumping gasoline when the killer opened fire.

Barger said that the killer's companion, who had remained on the drive near the getaway auto, ordered Renzetti to lie down on the drive and Renzetti complied.

Barger said the other witnesses were a customer who was inside the station's office, a repairman working on a telephone line, and a man who had stepped in the station "to shoot the breeze." Barger declined to name the three.



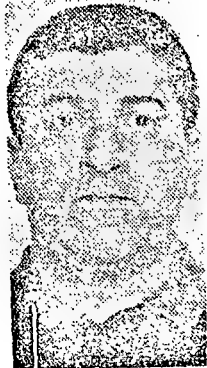
The washroom of the Standard gasoline station where Guido Fidanzi was killed. (Daily News Photo/Charles Krejcsi)



Guido Fidanzi

Juice-loan mobster slain in suburb service station

Juice-loan racketeer Guido Fidanzi was fatally shot Tuesday as he fled into a service station washroom in Chicago Heights.



GUIDO FIDANZI

Fidanzi, 51 of, 220 Arquilla, Chicago Heights, was shot at least four times in the head, chest and groin in a service station at 251 E. 14th in the south suburb.

Police said Fidanzi was followed by two men in a gold-colored, late-model car. As Fidanzi fled into the station, the two men left their car. One entered the station and fired at least one small-caliber handgun at Fidanzi, police were told.

Police also said that three other persons in the station, a passerby, a customer and a telephone repairman, were unharmed and that the assailants fled in their car in an unknown direction.

Police said the man who fired at Fidanzi may have had two pistols. Fidanzi was hit by at least one bullet in the washroom doorway and by three more after he fell.

Fidanzi was pronounced dead at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights at 10:30 a.m. Chicago Heights Police Lt. Frank Grupp called Fidanzi's slaying "premeditated revenge and possibly gangland connected."

Speculation immediately arose that Fidanzi may have been ready to co-operate with federal investigators in charge of a mail fraud case. Fidanzi and 18 others were under indictment and awaiting trial on the charges.

Fidanzi, listed in the Illinois Crime Investigating Committee Report on Usury and the Chicago Crime Commission's "Who's Who in the Crime Syndicate," was paroled recently from a federal prison where he had been serving a four-year sentence on a 1970 fraud conviction.

Fidanzi also was convicted in 1968 of federal income tax evasion and was granted a parole from that sentence on Oct. 20, 1971, although he continued to serve the term for fraud. He also was given four years probation or another fraud scheme to which he pleaded guilty in 1970.

Fidanzi's lawyer, Harvey J. Powers, also was found guilty in the scheme, in which a fake organization, the World Wide Mortgage Co. of Wheeling, was set up to solicit fees

from businessmen to obtain loans for them from other financial agencies.

Fidanzi and 18 other persons were indicted for mail fraud last Feb. 15. The 19 were accused of pocketing more than \$1 million in commissions paid by about 70 victims in a fraud scheme.

Also indicted with Fidanzi was James Catuara, 66, of 9600 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, reputedly chief of the crime syndicate's south suburban rackets operation, and named in a 1969 report by the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary as a captain in the syndicate.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Richard J. Ciecckas said, however, Fidanzi was "not a government witness and was of no help to the government" in its prosecution of the Feb. 15 indictment. Therefore, it appeared unlikely that the shooting and the case were related.

The case was assigned to U.S. District Court Judge Bernard M. Decker and scheduled to be heard in October.

In 1968, 11 persons testified in U.S. District Court that Fidanzi had threatened to torture them and their children in the operation of a juice-loan racket.

Fidanzi is survived by his widow, Thelma, a son, Mario, and both parents.

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Mob slaying coverage hit

CONTROVERSY erupted today over charges by sheriff's police that Chicago Heights police "dragged their feet" in reporting the slaying of a minor gangland figure.

Guido Fidanzi, 45, of 220 Arquilla Dr., in the suburb, was gunned down by a two-man assassination team in his brother-in-law's gas station while he tried futilely to escape into the men's washroom.

Sheriff's detectives assigned to the case complained bitterly that police at the murder scene delayed reporting the description of the late model gold Chrysler of the two assassins, and then gave only the barest details of the murder to investigators.

The police chief of the south suburban community is Henry Pilotto, brother of Al Pilotto, president of Local 5 of the Hod Carriers' union and former chauffeur for Frankie La Porte, retired head of the crime syndicate's south suburban operations.

ANY INTERFERENCE that police in Chicago Heights deliberately scotched the investigation by sheriff's police was denied by Lt. Frank Grupp of Chicago Heights, who argued first that a detailed description of the murder car was broadcast five to eight minutes after Chicago Heights police arrived there.

It was learned sheriff's detectives complained Chicago Heights police delayed transmitting the car's description over the Illinois State Police Emergency Radio Network.

Lt. Grupp labeled the charges "nonsense."

The gangland-style slaying of Fidanzi was notable in several ways. First, the gunmen cruised into the gas station at 251 E. 14th St., in the suburb in a gaudy automobile.

NEXT, they alerted a couple in another auto, waiting to get gas to "get down."

The actual slayer killed Fidanzi with two separate guns, witnesses said. First, he pumped several shots into Fidanzi with a low caliber pistol, possibly a .22 caliber, and then finished him off with a heavy caliber

revolver.

The only covering the two assassins used were pocket handkerchiefs, held over their mouths.

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Violator Pays the Price for Breaking Mob Rules

BY PHILIP CAPUTO

A crime syndicate hoodlum who broke one of the mob's most stringent rules was murdered yesterday in a brutal gangland-style slaying in a Chicago Heights gasoline station. Guido Fidanzi, 45, of 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, was shot at least five times in the groin, chest, and head. The station is partly owned by his brother-in-law, Tony Renzetti, 34.

by his recent indictment for his alleged involvement in a \$1 million loan racket. "He needed money to live on and he needed money to pay his attorneys," the official said. "There's no doubt that he could not have been hit without at least the okay of Caturra's men. In the mob, you just don't hit someone without the boss' approval."

Police Discount Theory

Police officials contacted by The Tribune tended to discount the theory that Fidanzi was killed because the crime syndicate feared he would become a government stool pigeon to avoid a prison term for his part in the loan racket. This was confirmed by a spokesman for the office of United States Attorney James C. Thompson, who said that Fidanzi had shown no indication that he intended to give any information to law enforcement agencies. "He didn't do any talking to us while he was in prison and he didn't intend to do any talking," said one federal investigator. "He was just hurting financially and started muscling into others' territory."

Works for Gang Boss

Fidanzi was a low-ranking loan racket collector and scam operator [runs business fraudulently] for Jimmy [The Bomber] Caturra, who assumed control of the Chicago Cosa Nostra's activities in Southern Cook County after the retirement of Frank LaPorte.

However, dogged by financial woes, Fidanzi dared to violate the mob code, and, according to one police official, "was running all over Cook County and stepping on a lot of toes. So, somebody got mad at him and had him hit [murdered]."

According to the law enforcement official, Fidanzi's money problems began while he was serving two years in federal prison for income tax evasion, and were aggravated

because he was one of Caturra's men. In the mob, you just don't hit someone without the boss' approval."

One of those raids took place on Aug. 3, 1971, and among the 14 men arrested in the mob-controlled gambling operation was Arthur B. Pilotto, 66, of 437 Chestnut St., South Chicago Heights, and a brother of Henry Pilotto. Moreover, Al Pilotto, the chief's other brother, is president of Local 5 of the Hod Carriers Union, and is a former bodyguard and driver for LaPorte, the retired syndicate chieftain.

Chicago Heights police categorically denied that they have refused cooperation with any outside law enforcement agency, noting that they are working closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Cook County state's attorney's office.

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Cross marks location of slaying. Killers fled west on Route 30.

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Guido Fidanzi

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Mob Rules Broken—

Violator Pays the Price

BY HENRY WOOD

It is as unlikely a place for daylight gang killing as you are likely to find, where U. S. Highway 30 cuts thru Chicago Heights along 14th street.

Expressways and toll roads have cut the traffic volume here, but it is still a busy thoroughfare used every day by thousands of trucks and cars. It is not a place for the privacy you might think a killer would need.

That is where Guido [The Weed] Fidanzi, 45, was slain, in a gasoline service station at 251 E. 14th St., just a few blocks east of the center of town. In daylight. In sight of witnesses. It was like a page out of the Chicago gang wars of the 1920s.

Wheels into Station

It was 9:45 a. m. when Fidanzi, driving a car owned by his sister, wheeled into the Malizia Mobil Service, parked away from the gas pumps, and got out of the car. Short and stocky, and wearing a black short-sleeve sports shirt, black slacks, and black shoes, he cut a low profile. A gray sky hid the sun and there were no flashes from the big diamond that Fidanzi wore on his left pinkie.

His brother in law, Tony Renzetti, 34, a part owner of the station, was walking from the office to the gas pump to service a car just driven in by a woman. Fidanzi stopped him and they had a few words.

Then Renzetti went on to the customer's car. Fidanzi went to the office.

A late model Chrysler, gold color, pulled up on the other side of the gas pumps from the woman customer's car.

Renzetti looked over and started to say "Be with you in a minute." He never got the words out of his mouth.

"Snarls, 'Get Down'"

The driver of the gold Chrysler held a handkerchief over his face. "Get down," he

snarled. The woman threw herself flat on the seat of the car. Renzetti flopped to the concrete. The driver stayed at the wheel. A man got out of the car on the passenger side and walked toward the office. Inside the office there was a telephone repairman at work.

A customer sat at the desk. Another customer sat on the desk. Fidanzi stood, looking out thru the plate glass at the blocks east of the center of town. The man walking toward the office caught his eye.

Shoves Door Open

Caught his eye, but too late.

The man whipped out a white handkerchief and held it over the lower part of his face. With his left arm and elbow he shoved the door open. His right hand drew a .22 caliber automatic from under his coat.

Fidanzi got the message. "Oh, God," he muttered. The first shot missed him. It hit the cash register. The telephone repairman and the two customers hit the floor. Fidanzi broke for the washroom. It

was only four paces away, but in that short distance nine bullets hit him. He tried to bolt to the door. The gunman lunged at it, knocked it open, and sent Fidanzi sprawling on his back.

As calmly as tho he were dropping a contribution into the plate at church service, the gunman pocketed the .22 pis-

tol, drew a heavy caliber revolver from another pocket, and shot Fidanzi twice in the head. Then he walked back to the car and got in. The driver gunned the motor and sped west in 14th Street.

Phones for Ambulance

That was all there was to it. In less than a minute it was all over. Outside Renzetti sprang up from the concrete and ran inside. He'd heard the shots and he didn't have to look. He telephoned for an ambulance. The woman customer outside drove away without waiting for gasoline. The telephone repairman and the two customers who had been in the office faded away.

Across the street from the station Mrs. Lois Pistore, 17397 S. 79th Av., Tinley Park, drove her car into a diagonal parking slot. Noticing the crowd of onlookers and police across the street. "What happened?" she asked.

"A guy got murdered. A guy named Guido Fidanzi," someone told her.

Mrs. Pistore screamed. She got the shakes. She turned and ran into the street, almost into a big truck which screeched to a halt.

She leaned against the side of the truck. After a while she drove away. Trucks lumbered by in U. S. 30. You could hardly tell that anything had happened.

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Tribune Photo

Mrs. Lois Pistore becomes hysterical after being told by newsmen of Fidanzi's slaying.

Hood's Killing Tied to Gang War

BY HENRY WOOD

brother in law.

The gangland-style slaying of a Chicago Heights hoodlum may be part of a syndicate feud on the South Side and in south suburbs, the operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission said yesterday.

Harvey Johnson said the slaying of Guido [The Weed] Fidanzi in a Chicago Heights gasoline station Tuesday may have been ordered by syndicate figures because Fidanzi could have been making collections from juice victims and not turning all the proceeds over to his bosses.

Fidanzi, 45, who lived at 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, was a middle-echelon hood in the confidence game and juice loan racket who concentrated his operations on the South Side and the south suburbs. He was a protege of James [The Bomber] Catuara, whose faction reportedly is struggling with another group for control of the area.

"We have the possibility of a bloodbath out there because Fidanzi is the third hoodlum slain in the last 18 months, and the first two were related to the power struggle," Johnson said.

"Fidanzi also might have been trying to take over the rackets run by Catuara."

Fidanzi was slain in the office of the filling station at 251 E. 14th St., Chicago Heights, by a gunman who used .22 caliber automatic "dum-dum" bullets which explode upon contact with the body. The gunman fled in a gold-colored auto driven by another man.

Fidanzi also was shot twice by either a .38 or .45 caliber revolver and had 13 wounds in his body, Chicago Heights police said. Six shell casings from the .22 were found on the office floor.

Police, who were searching for the getaway car, said the gas station, partly owned by Fidanzi's brother in law, probably was chosen as the execution site because Fidanzi went there every day to talk to the

Fidanzi's execution came four months after the gangland-style shooting and torture death of Charles Carroll, 38, of 9314 85th Ct., Hickory Hills, a South Side bookmaker and associate of South Side gambling boss Ralph Pierce, whose faction is said to be feuding with Catuara's. Carroll's body was found in a car trunk in front of 8119 S. Ada St.

Funeral services will be Friday, but the church has not been disclosed.

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Bob Wiedrich

Tower Ticker



The Inside Scoop: Murdered gangster Guido Fidanzi's big mouth may have been the agent of his own destruction.

Before going off to federal prison for income tax evasion, Fidanzi sent word to South Cook County Mafia boss Jimmy [the Bomber] Catura he expected he and his wife, Thelma, to be cared for financially while he did his time for the mob behind bars. He also made veiled threats.

Catura took care of Fidanzi's family while he was in prison. But when the aid was cut off following his parole, Fidanzi repeated the threats.

And that made Jimmy the Bomber mad.

Another Scoop: Authorities are also taking a look at Fidanzi's almost brotherly relationship with Richard Cain, the defrocked sheriff's chief investigator who was also jailed for playing with gangsters.

The two became close pals while serving time in the County Jail and the Texarkana [Tex.] Federal Prison. And when both were paroled last year, they were often observed hanging together on Rush Street and in the suburbs.

Cain is now out of the country, but in constant contact with his underworld sponsor, Salvatore [Momo] Giancana, the self-exiled mobster residing in Mexico.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: AUG 14 1972

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ E (Prob)
☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

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✓ 92-466

CIP; AR

92-1360

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92-2032

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166-1975

GAMBLING - 2415 W. LAKE STREET, MELROSE PARK

15-26968

ET AL; TFIS

92-1860 TECIP

AR

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

92-920

(LA PORTE)

92-1371

(CANARA)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

No

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CG [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have invested
in land in Arizona and apparently are planning some sort of
development on this land.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JIMMY CATORA and FRANK LA PORTE were both guests
as was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
comes from his connections with union agents in the Teamster's
Union.

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Tie slaying of Fidanzi to swindle

By Phillip J. O'Connor

Crime syndicate hoodlum Guido (The Weed) Fidanzi was apparently slain Aug. 8 because he swindled a mob-connected couple out of \$80,000, The Daily News learned Tuesday.

Fidanzi, 45, who was known to have financial problems, had already irked mob bosses because he had violated gang rules by branching out his racketeering activities beyond his assigned territory.

The victims of the swindle, a Chicago Heights couple, reported the swindle to their son-in-law, who has ties to the crime syndicate, and he reported it to mob bosses, investigators said.

FIDANZI OF 220 Arquilla Dr., Chicago Heights, was then marked for death by mob bosses, who awarded a "hit" contract on his life, investigators were told.

Fidanzi was shot to death in front of four witnesses in daylight in the office of the Malizia Standard Oil station at 251 E. 14th St., Chicago Heights.

Fidanzi was shot seven times in the chest, groin and rear by one of two men who followed him to the station, partly owned by his brother-in-law, Tony Renzetti.

Fidanzi ran toward a washroom when he saw the killer approach and, although already wounded, was able to hit the washroom door. But the killer kicked in the door and fired two more shots into the hoodlum, including one in the head.

The second man remained in the station's drive and

warned Renzetti to lay down on the paving during the shooting. The two killers then fled in a gold-colored Chrysler auto.

INVESTIGATORS declined to name the couple that had been swindled, or their hoodlum son-in-law, pending further investigation.

Fidanzi was sentenced to five years in prison in 1968 on federal income tax evasion charges and was released from prison in October, 1971.

He was scheduled to be tried in October with 18 other men on charges of mail fraud in a \$1 million mortgage fee scheme. One of his co-defendants, James (The Bomber) Catuara, was Fidanzi's mob boss in the south suburban area.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)✓

DATE: 8/16/72

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: GUIDO J. FIDANZI

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On 8/8/72, at the St. James Hospital, Halsted and Route U.S. 30, Chicago Heights, Illinois, I observed the examination of the body of GUIDO J. FIDANZI by officers of the Chicago Heights Police Department following the shooting of the subject shortly after 10:00 A.M. on 8/8/72.

Personal effects that FIDANZI had on his person at the time of examination included two rings, one a wedding ring and the second a small ring with a diamond mount and a wristwatch. Subject had a plain black comb, some small change and a handkerchief in the other pockets. Subject had a gold money clip with considerable U.S. currency in a front pocket. No wallet was observed, however, a drivers license in a plain plastic envelope was in possession of the late Mr. FIDANZI. The drivers license contained the following information:

Name
Address

GUIDO J. FIDANZI
220 Arquilla Drive
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Social Security
Number
Drivers License
Number

Date of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes

F352-2902-7294
October 15, 1927
5'9"
165 pounds
Brown
Blue

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While the body of MIDANZI was in the examining area of the emergency room, a white male, [REDACTED] entered the examining room, looked at the body, and went out cursing the individuals who did this [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago Heights Police Department, was in charge of the examination, and was having photographs of the body taken by his personnel. [REDACTED] later provided the writer with copies of these photographs.

[REDACTED] stated he would provide FBI with copies of the report as soon as the report was available and all interviewing was completed.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: **AUG 22 1972**

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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92-3262 [REDACTED] AR

92-373 GUS ALEX: AR

92-2652 [REDACTED] AR

92-375 RALPH PIERCE: AR

92-925 [REDACTED] AR

92-2310 [REDACTED] AR

Purpose and results of contact

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☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

92-347 PAUL RICCA; AR
92-344 ANTHONY ACCARDO; AR
92-466 C.I.P.
92-1371 JAMES CATUARA: AR
92-2374 [REDACTED] AR
92-2213 Skimming Activities - Nevada Casinos; AR
92-374 [REDACTED] AR
92-1684 [REDACTED]
92-2563 ANTHONY SPILOTRO; AR
TECIP

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EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN THE USE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS SOURCE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IS NOT TO BE USED IN DETAILS OF REPORTS AND IF USED IN ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES, THE CONTENT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

No

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Tower Ticker



A year ago next month, the much hated and feared Milwaukee Phil Alderisio breathed his last behind the bars of the federal penitentiary at Marion, Ill., marking the end of one of the most violent careers in the Chicago crime syndicate.

His death, however, did not put an end to Alderisio's extensive network of gangland interests ranging from loan sharking and gambling to financial swindles and semi-legitimate businesses.

As in any other field, life went on thru a line of succession undoubtedly established by the murderous mobster himself before he went off to prison in 1970 for bank fraud and extortion.

For awhile, just who was running the Alderisio rackets remained shrouded in the murky depths of the underworld.

But in recent months, investigators have noted the growing stature of 47-year-old Frank Schweih, a musclem who became Alderisio's bodyguard some years ago despite his lack of nationalistic ties to the Mafia. Schweih is of Germanic ancestry.

Until then, Schweih was considered by authorities as just another muscle-bound pooch on the mob payroll. His activities, however, now have cast him in a new light as far as the Justice Department is concerned.

Schweih, who still limps from a gunshot wound mysteriously acquired during a stroll on Michigan Avenue in 1956, has been seen making the daily rounds of the former Alderisio rackets empire.

He has become the almost constant companion of Irwin Weiner, the ex-bail bondsman who was an Alderisio business associate in the old days.

And he has been observed huddling with Anthony J. Spilotro, an Alderisio gambling protege, whenever Spilotro comes to town from Las Vegas, where he now operates a boutique as a facade of legitimacy.

Most interesting to authorities, however, is Schweih's new found intimacy with Jimmy [The Bomber] Catuara, the English Ovals smoking South Cook County Mafia boss with the gold Cadillac, whose reputation for violence is legend.

Just a week before mobster Guito [The Weed] Fidanzi died in a hail of bullets in Chicago Heights, Schweih and Catuara were observed together not far

from the gas station where Fidanzi finally bit the dust.

Put together, these factors have served to arouse the interest of Justice Department sleuths in their continuing drive to weed out the hoodlum top echelon.

They're taking a second look at Frankie Schweih, the only lad of pure Aryan ancestry to make it big in the mob. And they don't like what they see.

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DATE: 9/5/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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JAMES CATUARA

On August 22, 1972, source advised JAMES CATUARA visited [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CATUARA's purpose for visiting [REDACTED] was to solicit his assistance in locating a Mexican from Taylor Street named [REDACTED] who owes CATUARA about \$400.00.

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- 1 - 92-1339
- 1 - 92-691
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- 1 - 179-48
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (179-412)

DATE: 9/14/72

FROM : SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (3);

[REDACTED]
VICTIM;

[REDACTED]
VICTIM

[REDACTED]

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 179-377
- 1 - 179-6
- 1 - 165-2922
- 1 - 92-691
- 1 - 92-1339
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Source further advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in this matter through JAMES CATUARA. Source said that CATUARA is reluctant to call [REDACTED] in this matter since CATUARA is aware of the FBI's interest and does not want to become involved in any conspiracy, especially in view of his two pending Federal indictments.

[REDACTED]

contacted JAMES CATUARA at a pool hall in the vicinity of 31st and Wentworth. Source said that CATUARA advised victims that he will not help them and that [REDACTED] also couldn't help them in this matter. Source advised that victims are scheduled to appear before the Grand Jury on 9/18/72, and source feels that if victims are given immunity that they will cooperate. Victims also intend to contact [REDACTED] for legal advice in this matter.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92- 1371)

DATE: 9/19/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
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On 9/12/72 and 9/13/72 JAMES CATUARA was observed at the Hawk's S.A.C. Club, Lowe and West 31st Street, Chicago, between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm and departed the area in a tan Buick, 1972 Illinois Dealer's License OL1130AX.

[REDACTED] advised CATUARA is there almost every day.

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Indict mob figure, 2 others in slaying

An associate of the crime syndicate's south suburban rackets chief and two other men have been indicted for the murder of a South Bend (Ind.) man who police say was selling stolen cars.

William E. Dauber, 37, a former enforcer for James (The Bomber) Cataura; Joseph Marek, 44, of Valparaiso, Ind., and Jack Schnadenberg, 43, of Chesterton, Ind., were indicted by a county grand jury in Indiana Thursday.

They are charged with killing Michael Ragan, 25, of Mishawaka, Ind., a used car dealer in whose lot police found expensive cars which had been stolen from the Chicago area.

ACTING ON an anonymous phone tip Tuesday night, police found Ragan in a clump of bushes on a county road near Koontz Lake, 25 miles southwest of South Bend.

Ragan was shot three times in the head with a 9 mm. pistol which police have recovered.

Indiana State Police were searching for Ragan's partner, Roger Croach. He has been missing for several days and police fear he may be dead.

Dauber, Cataura and 17 other men were indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago last February on charge of mail fraud in a mortgage-fee scheme.

They were accused of pocketing more than \$1 million in commissions paid by about 70 victims—including hospitals, colleges and individuals—who sought construction loans.

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Mob hinted in 2d Indiana slaying

A MAN FOUND SHOT to death near Michigan City, Ind., was identified as the second of two men police believed may have been ordered killed by the Chicago crime syndicate. Both men were linked by authorities to a stolen car ring.

Dr. John Richter, La Porte County coroner, said the body found in a wooded area south of Michigan City on Tuesday was that of Roger Croach, 30, of 1311 Oriole, Munster, Ind. He had been shot twice in the head, Richter said. The second man, Michael Ragan, 25, a South Bend area used-car dealer, was found dead Sept. 5 in a field southwest of South Bend with three bullets in his head.

Indiana state police said both victims disappeared after troopers on Sept. 2 discovered five stolen cars on Ragan's used car lot. Investigators said they were looking into the possibility that someone in the mob panicked and ordered both men killed in fear they would talk to police. Murder indictments were returned last week in Starke County (Indiana) Circuit Court charging three men with Ragan's murder: William E. Daubert of Valparaiso, Ind.; John Schnadenberg of Chesterton, Ind., and Joseph Merrick of Blue Island, Ill.

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EDITOR: JAMES HOGE

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/17/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

9/27/72

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

✓ JAMES CATUARA; AR 92-1371 [REDACTED]

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

The PCI furnished information which is being
set out in the attached memo.

It is requested [REDACTED] case be reopened on PCI.

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or
furnishing false information? **No**

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

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CG [REDACTED]

JAMES CATUARA
AR
CG File 92-1371

On 9/27/72, captioned source advised that he frequently hangs out at an athletic club (Hawks A.C.) located at 252 West 31st Street, which location is frequented almost daily by JIMMY CATUARA. CATUARA is at this location during the late morning hours and leaves around 1:00 p.m.

The source said that he has occasionally seen [REDACTED] with CATUARA.

Source said that a sister of JIMMY CATUARA died and was buried on 9/23/72 from All Saints Church.

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USM Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #821	7-12-31	IP1	
PD Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara #C-48136	4-13-33	bozb in poss.	11-17-33, sent. to Joliet, Ill., Pen. #321-7, 5 to 25 yrs. on chg. of compounding explosives
SP Joliet, Ill.	James Catuara #821	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	10-13-70	Burg CH38-19-1	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286 106	4-22-71	Gambling investigation	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara #286106	4-30-71	Gambling	L.F.D. on chg of inmate
USM Chgo Ill	James Catuara #74358	2-15-72	Postal Laws	
Cook Co Jail Chgo Ill	James Catuara #7201693	2-15-72	SKUMS	
USM Chicago Ill	James Catuara #74968	5-25-72	Dyer Act	

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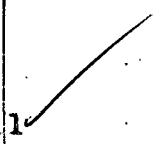
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CC: FBI Chicago, Ill				
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U.S. names witness in mob trial

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

By Betty Washington

A former defendant in an alleged million-dollar fraud scheme will testify in the trial of more than a dozen reputed syndicate figures for that scheme, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

In opening arguments to a federal jury before U.S. District Judge Philip M. Tone, Asst. U.S. Atty. Matt Lydon identified the former defendants as Robert Ostrander

Lydon said Ostrander and another person, Joseph Stein, would be important witnesses in the trial. One major figure in the alleged scheme is James (Jimmy the Bomber) Catuara.

A FEDERAL grand jury indicted the reputed mob figures Feb. 15 on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, fraud by wire and transportation through interstate commerce of stolen money.

Stein was named as an undicted co-conspirator.

The defendants were accused by the grand jury of representing themselves as representatives of the "Churches of Christ Congregation" and soliciting fees from 70 victims around the country.

The victims included churches, nursing homes, Bible colleges, motels and businesses.

AFTER RECEIVING the fees, which allegedly were to be used as the basis for obtaining loans to finance construction of church buildings, the victims were given worthless papers by the defendants, the government charged.

The checks that were received were cashed at the Bureau Currency Exchange, 1115 S. State St., the government charged.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Author: BETTY WASHINGTON
Editor: D. FELDMER
Title: JAMES CATUARA AR

Character: 92-1371

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

DATE: 11/17/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
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On 11/14/72, [REDACTED] advised the writer he has learned that the subject is driving a new 1973 Buick, white over orange in color. CI was unable to obtain the license number of this automobile.

CI advised that he has learned CATUARA has also been seen in a 1964 white over blue, two-door Chevrolet with an unknown female in the parking lot in the Canterbury Shopping Center, 159th and Kedzie, in Markham, Illinois. He has also been seen having coffee in the local restaurant. CI believes this automobile belongs to a female with whom subject has been seen, but whom CI could not identify.

1 - [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ✓ SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

DATE: 11/17/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
AR

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On 11/13/72, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the following information
which was learned from an unidentified individual in the
Vagabond Lounge in Chicago Heights, Illinois, a known hoodlum
hangout:

[REDACTED] Subject has been seen meeting with a new paramour
one [REDACTED] who resides at or near [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is married. Sub-
ject meets [REDACTED] somewhere in a parking lot in a shopping
center after he has coffee in a local restaurant. They then
go to the Hi-Way Motel on 159th Street in Markham, Illinois,
near I 57.

Source was unable to furnish any additional informa-
tion concerning this matter at this time.

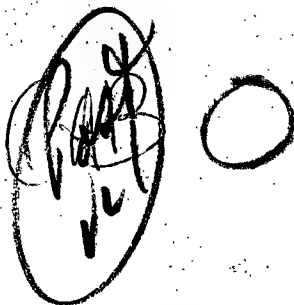
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-1371)

DATE: 11/27/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA
AR

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/17/72.

Referenced memo disclosed that the subject allegedly had a paramour who is identified as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The current criss-cross directory ~~xxx~~ disclosed that a [REDACTED] resides at this address and presumably this is the correct spelling. for 3 years

The following information was made available from the State of Ill., DMV and DL :

[REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO (168-395)

12/6/72

SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

PARLAY CARD
CONTROL FILE

On December 1, 1972, [REDACTED]
telephonically advised that the Highway Lounge, 8355
South Crawford in Chicago, handles football parlay
cards. Source further alleged that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These cards are sold for two and a half
cents each. Source feels that these parlay cards are
possibly circulated by members of the JIMMY CATUARA
gambling group.

The above information was telephonically
furnished to [REDACTED] Gambling Unit, Vice
Control Division, Chicago Police Department, on December
1, 1972.

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1 - [REDACTED]
① - 92-1371 (JIMMY CATUARA)

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RICHARD J. DALEY, Mayor
JAMES B. CONLISK, JR., Superintendent

24 November 1972

Mr. Roy K. Moore
Special Agent In Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a report resulting from surveillances conducted on the wake and funeral of Paul DeLucia, aka Paul "The Waiter" Ricca, who died on 11 October 1972.

The report contains the identity of persons and license numbers observed by investigators of this Division, and is being forwarded for whatever value or purpose it may serve your office.

Sincerely,

William R. Mooney
William R. Mooney
Director
Intelligence Division

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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OBSERVATION OR
SURVEILLANCE REPORT

CASE _____

DATE OF SURVEILLANCE: 12-13-14
October 1972

DATE OF REPORT 13 Nov. 1972

SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION

WAKE OF PAUL DeLUCIA (RICCA)
Galewood Funeral Chapel
1857 North Harlem Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE:

Fixed

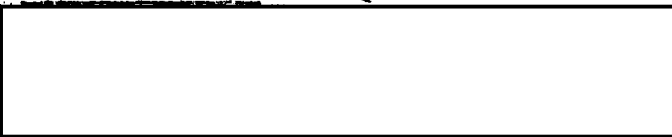
INVESTIGATORS

PURPOSE OF SURVEILLANCE OR OBSERVATION

TIME OR
LICENSE NO.

OBSERVATION OR IDENTIFICATION OR DESCRIPTION

The following is a list of visual personal identifications of persons attending the wake and/or funeral of the deceased SUBJECT at the Galewood Funeral Chapel, 1857 North Harlem Avenue, on 12-13-14 October 1972.

Anthony Accardo Sr. (92-344)Joey Aiuppa (92-677)Frank "Skids" Caruso (92-1438)James Catuzza

(92-1371)

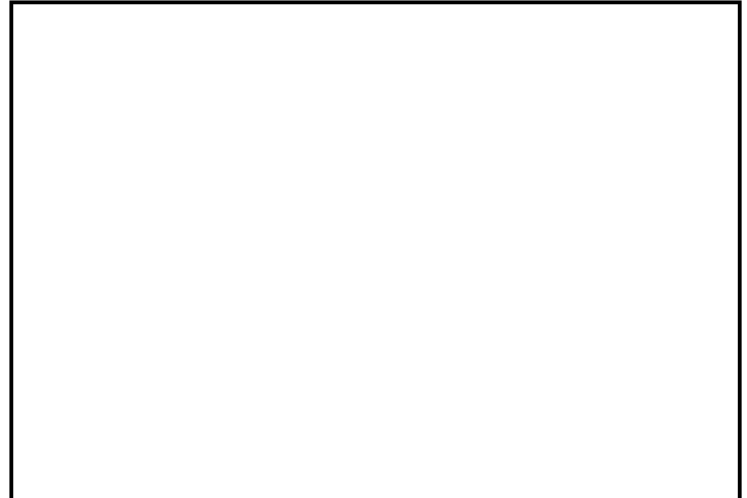
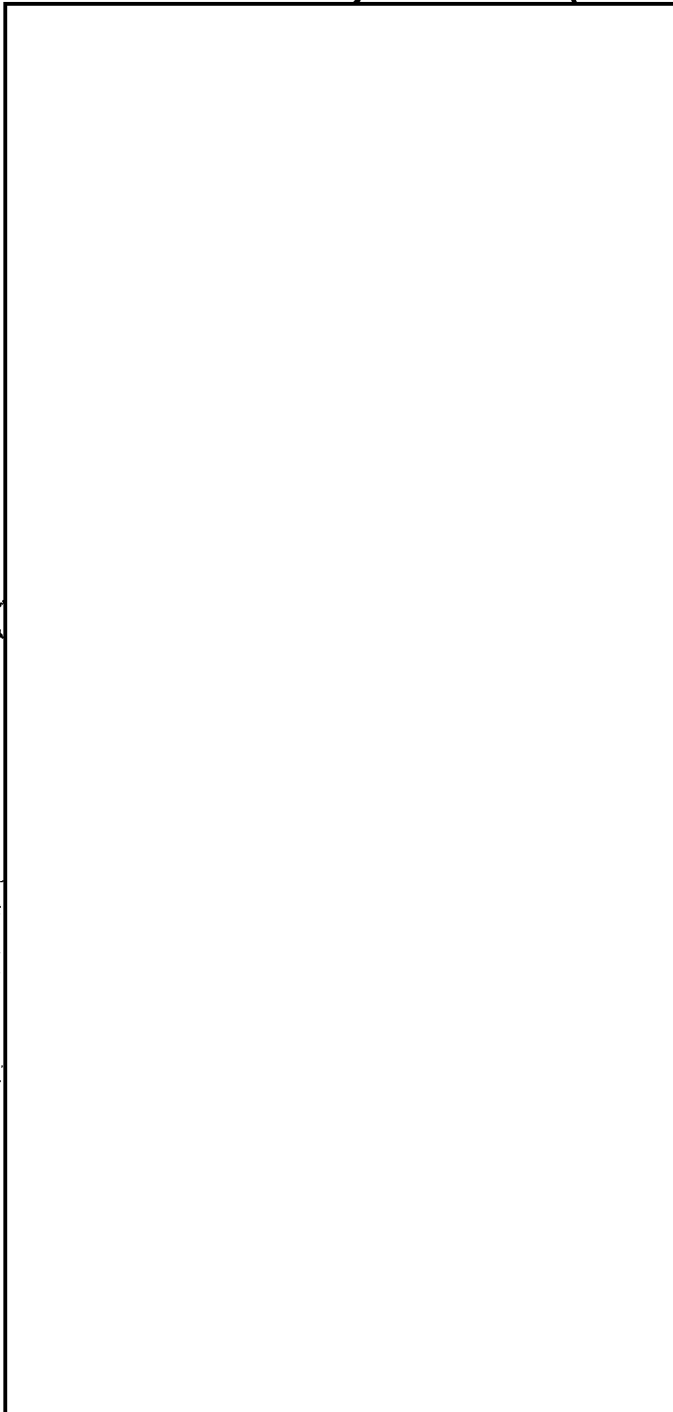
Charles English (92-917)

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SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION: DeLUCIA, Paul (WAKE)
(TITLE ONLY)

INVESTIGATORS

DATE OF REPORT 13 NOV 1972

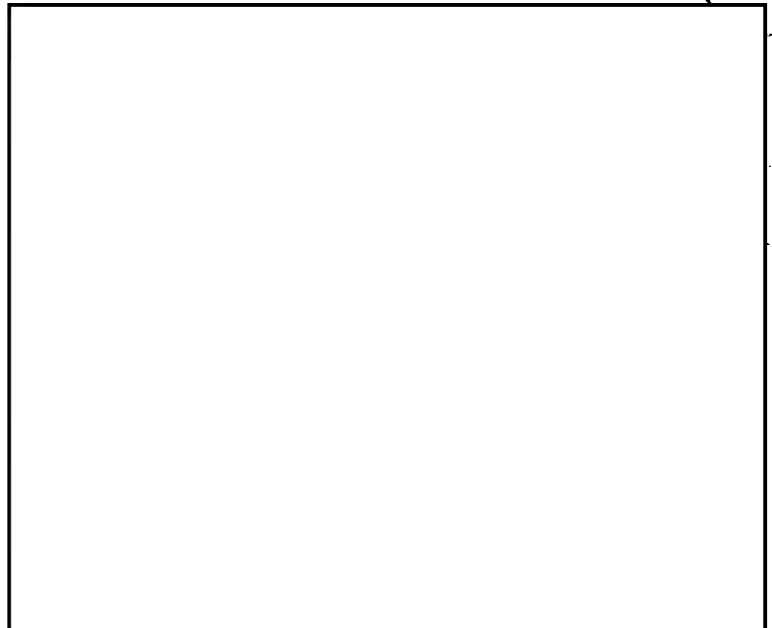


Ralph Pierce (92-375)



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Ross Prio (92-737)



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SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION: DeLucia, Paul (Wake)
(TITLE ONLY)

INVESTIGATORS

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SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

12/14/72

SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On December 6, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] recently left Chicago immediately following his appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago. He said that [REDACTED] apparently is quite concerned over the Federal Grand Jury inquiry into the [REDACTED] group, and may stay out of town indefinitely.

[REDACTED] CATUARA indicated some concern about his current trial in Federal Court on mail fraud charges. CATUARA feels that this trial is not going well for him.
[REDACTED]

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1 - 92-1371
1 - 92-2022

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, *Chicago*DATE: *12/20/72*

FROM : SA

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 PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ E (Prob)
☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT

Dates of Contact

11/29/72 + 12/20/72

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

*92-1371 James Catuana**145-1950**92-920*

Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Source has been unable to learn anything new about James Catuana or his new paramour since the last contact.
Source still has no information regarding a telephone number which might be using. He noted that the wound has gotten out about an FBI gambling raid in Chicago Heights and all house books and sport books are extremely tight. He noted that it is next to impossible to lay a bet with a book in Southern Cook County at this time.
Source also noted that with the death of Frank Jabato the book is probably in a state of confusion for the moment. He had no info as to who might be replacing Jabato.

- ☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? *No*

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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PD Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara ✓ #C-48136	4-18-33	bomb in poss.	11-17-33, sent. to Joliet, Ill., Pen. #821-7, 5 to 25 yrs. on chg. of compounding explosives
SP Joliet, Ill.	James Catuara ✓ #821	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara ✓ #286106	10-13-70	Burg CH38-19-1	
PD Chicago Ill	James Catuara ✓ #286 106	4-22-71	Gambling investigation	
PD Chicago Ill ✓	James Catuara ✓ #286106	4-30-71	Gambling	L.F.D. on chg of inmate
USM Chgo Ill	James Catuara ✓ #74358	2-15-72	Postal Laws	
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 64"

Weight: 150

Hair: Grey

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: 9-26-05 Italy

Scars and Marks: Unknown

Address: 9600 S Kilbourn Oak Lawn Ill (in 1972)

Occupation: Unknown

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/29/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ ☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact			
[REDACTED]			
File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)			
92-373	GUS ALEX	92-374	[REDACTED]
92-344	TONY ACCARDO	92-1322	[REDACTED]
92-677	JOE AIUPPA	92-1294	[REDACTED]
92-2538	[REDACTED]	92-1371	JAMES CATUARA
92-2514	[REDACTED]	92-1733	AL PILOTTO
92-1037	[REDACTED]	92-2230	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	165-322	[REDACTED]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	92-349	SAM GIANCANA	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	92-345	[REDACTED]	
	92-2652		
	92-2021		
(SEE ATTACHED PAGES)			
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)			
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? None			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.		Coverage Same	
PERSONAL DATA			

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Informant furnished the current status of the leadership of organized crime in the Chicago area as of December, 1972. He advised that ANTHONY J. ACCARDO has succeeded to the top leadership position, which he formerly shared with PAUL RICCA, who died in October, 1972. ACCARDO currently makes all policy decisions without consultation with anyone else other than with the two individuals in whom he has given a responsibility to advise. These are GUS ALEX, and JOSEPH AIUPPA, also known as JOEY O'BRIEN.

Informant advised that ACCARDO has the responsibility for making all decisions of a top level nature, but that he has instructed that ALEX and AIUPPA be available for consultation whenever he so desires. Informant advised that ACCARDO has instructed that either ALEX or AIUPPA be available at all times and that they check with each.

Informant advised that ALEX intended to spend most of the winter months at his Ft. Lauderdale, Florida residence, but that when he was served a subpoena by the FBI at this residence in November, he returned to the Chicago area and as of early December, 1972, remained in Chicago pending his appearance before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ).

CG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Informant advised that ALEX is extremely anxious and concerned about this appearance, due to the fact that he feels that it is entirely possible that he will be given immunity and ordered to answer questions.

Informant advised that another individual who is very concerned about his appearance before the FGJ is [REDACTED] also feels that he may be granted immunity. Informant advised that as of this time [REDACTED] has not retained an attorney, but it has been suggested to him by ALEX that he also retain [REDACTED]

Informant advised that as of this time the top leadership of organized crime is very concerned with two or three pending investigations. The one is the current investigation concerning [REDACTED] and his gambling operations, involving [REDACTED] ET AL.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Informant noted that it is one thing to conduct your operations so that heat splashes back on you, but it is another thing when the operations are conducted in such a manner that heat is splashed on other leaders of organized crime. Informant advised that as a result of [REDACTED] blunder in this respect his status in organized crime at the present time is somewhat shakey.

Informant advised that the other investigation currently causing concern to the leadership of organized crime is the investigation involving [REDACTED]. Informant noted that at the present time [REDACTED] is in a sensitive position due to the fact that [REDACTED] of SAM GIANCANA. Informant advised that in view of the involvement of [REDACTED] in this investigation, some members of the leadership of organized crime are suggesting to GIANCANA that [REDACTED] until the investigation [REDACTED] is resolved.

CG [REDACTED]

Informant advised that the most recent development in the structure of the leadership of organized crime concerns the replacement of FRANK LA PORTE for decades the top boss of organized crime in the southern suburbs of Chicago. Informant advised that with the death of LA PORTE in November of 1972, the leadership of organized crime has decided to make AL PILOTTA, the successor of LA PORTE. Informant advised that the leadership probably would have voted to make JIMMY CATUARA the boss of southern Cook County, except that at the time of the death of LA PORTE and in the immediate period thereafter, CATUARA was on trial in Federal Court in Chicago. He is also awaiting trial on another matter and it is the opinion of the leadership that CATUARA is too much involved in investigations of his activity at the present time to succeed to the top position in southern Cook County. As a result CATUARA was by-passed for this position and the spot was given to PILOTTA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant advised that it is too early to tell at this time what changes and tactics and policy might be put into effect by PILOTTA, but that he does not expect that there will be any major change in the methods of operation of organized crime in southern Cook County, inasmuch as PILOTTA has been brought up by LA PORTE and CATUARA and would appear to be of the same mold as these individuals.

Informant advised that following the appearance before the FGJ of [REDACTED] shortly thereafter departed the Chicago area, presumable for his residence in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Informant also advised that following the appearance of [REDACTED] before the same grand jury on the same date. [REDACTED]

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CG [REDACTED]

Informant advised that he understands that shortly before ALEX departed the Chicago area in mid-December he conferred with ACCARDO and with AIUPPA someplace on the west side of Chicago. On this occasion he obtained permission from ACCARDO to leave the Chicago area temporarily.

[REDACTED]

Informant advised that SAM GIANCANA has not been known to visit the Chicago area since he left in 1966. Informant stated that [REDACTED] of GIANCANA's interests. Informant noted that he has been informed by other leaders of organized crime that GIANCANA is currently residing in Mexico, but that he travels extensively throughout the world.

Informant also advised that [REDACTED] has left the Chicago area, probably for the winter season. Informant advised that he understands that [REDACTED] intends to visit with ALEX in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and also to go to Palm Springs, where [REDACTED] has a residence.

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Informant advised that [REDACTED] returned to the Chicago area from a lengthy absence during early December, 1972. Informant stated that

[REDACTED]

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

JAMES CATUARA, aka
AR
OO: Chicago

For information Los Angeles subject is upper echelon leader of organized crime in Chicago area with responsibilities in south Cook County and as such is one of the most powerful La Cosa Nostra (LNC) leaders in the area.

The Identification Division advised that the "District Attorney, Los Angeles, California," had requested a copy of subject Identification Record on November 29, 1972. Subject's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number is 877436.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will contact the office of the District Attorney in an effort to determine the basis of their interest in the subject.

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1 - Chicago

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Informant was contacted on December 12, 1972,
and January 8, 1973, and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CATUARA is the
part owner of the Mitchell Meat Company. The location of this
company is unknown, but apparently is either in South Cook
County or Lake County, Indiana. She is sure that CATUARA's
name is not listed as part of the ownership.

[REDACTED]

(3) - Chicago

1 - 92-1371

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Catuara, 8 more acquitted; 4 guilty in loan fee scheme

By Ellis Cose

A jury of four men and eight women found alleged crime syndicate mobster James Catuara and eight others innocent Monday of all charges in the trial of 13 persons charged with raking in \$1 million in loan fees through a phony church affiliation. Four others were found guilty of conspiracy and various counts of fraud.

The 13, in addition to another defendant whose trial was severed from the rest, were indicted last February for conspiracy to commit mail fraud, fraud by wire and transportation of stolen money in interstate commerce.

The trial before U.S. District Court Judge Philip W. Tone began No. 9.

U.S. Attorney Matt Lydon said the 14 set up a phony company with promotional material that suggested access to assets of the Church of Christ and Christian Churches of America.

Lydon said the company, Church of Christ Manors Inc., had no connection with the denomination. He said the organization collected fees from 70 victims on promises to obtain mortgage and construction loans.

The government contends the loans were never made and the fees never were repaid. Among the alleged victims were churches and other religious institutions, builders, schools and businessmen.

Found guilty on all counts of the indictment were Charles York, 48, and Stanley Schuman, 36, mortgage brokers for Mortgage Expeditors, owned by Catuara.

Found guilty of conspiracy and multiple counts of fraud were William Dauber, 36, also a mortgage broker, and Alex

Gaus Jr., 48, described as an agent of Church of Christ Manors Inc. and the financial force behind the scheme.

The Rev. Cyrus Welch, 52, former pastor of the Church of Christ in Footville, Wis., was severed from the trial and will be tried separately.

Found not guilty of all charges were Catuara, 66; Stanley Durka, 46, a Watseka (Ill.) lawyer who acted as attorney for Church of Christ Manor; Anthony Gizzi, Silver Spring Md.; M. D. Schtt, New York; Chester Weisinger, Bedford Hills, N.Y.; Charles Verive, 41, Phoenix, Ariz.; Louis Rosanova, 49, Mount Prospect; James V. Micucci, 39, Elmwood Park, and George Stanaszek, 39, Ingleside, Ill.

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9 cleared in \$1-million loan scheme

REPUTED HOODLUM James [The Bomber] Catuara and eight others have been acquitted of charges that they collected more than \$1 million in fees to secure loans that were never obtained.

Four others indicted in connection with the scheme were found guilty of conspiracy and various fraud charges. A Federal District Court jury returned the verdicts last night. The trial started Nov. 9.

A federal grand jury indicted the 13, as well as another defendant whose trial was separated from the rest, last Feb. 15 on charges of mail fraud, fraud by wire, interstate transfer of stolen money, and conspiracy.

The government contended that the 14 established the Church of Christ Manor Inc. and collected more than \$1 million in fees as a "finders organization" to get loans for 70 church projects. The loans were not repaid and the fees were never returned, the government claimed.

CONTRARY TO THE promotional literature, Church of Christ Manor Inc., was not affiliated with the Church of Christ denomination. Many of the victims were Church of Christ members.

Catuara, 66, linked by police with hoodlum bombings and other acts of violence, was identified as a captain in the Chicago "Family" of the Mafia in a 1969 report from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Catuara, of 9600 S. Kilbourn Av., Oak Lawn, would not comment after last night's acquittal.

Found guilty on all counts of the indictment were Stanley Schulman, 36, of San Diego, and Charles York, 48, of Lodi, Cal., both mortgage brokers for Mortgage Expeditors, a firm owned by Catuara.

FOUND GUILTY ON conspiracy and multiple counts of fraud were William Dauber, 36, of Valparaiso, Ind., a mortgage broker, and Alex Gaus Jr., 48, of 1132 Carlyle Ct., Arlington Heights, described as an agent for Church of Christ Manor Inc., and the financial power behind the scheme.

In addition to Catuara, innocent verdicts were returned for Stanley Durka, 46, a Waukegan attorney; James V. Micucci, 39, of 7914 W. North Av., Elmwood Park; George Stanszek, 49, of Ingleside, Ill.; M. D. Scott, New York; Chester Weisinger, of Bedford Hills, N. Y.; Charles A. Verive, 41, of Phoe-

nix; Louis Rosanova, 49, of Mount Prospect; and Anthony Gizzi, of Silver Springs, Md.

The Rev. Cyrus Welch, 52, will be tried separately. He is a former Church of Christ pastor in Footville, Wis., and was president of Church of Christ Manor, Inc.

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Mob chief Catuara free in loan fraud

James Catuara, a reputed crime syndicate leader, and eight other men have been found not guilty of fraud charges in a \$1 million mortgage fee scheme.

Four others on trial with them were found guilty Monday of conspiracy and various fraud charges.

The 13 were accused of stealing more than \$1 million in commissions paid by about 70 victims — including hospitals, colleges and individuals — who hoped to obtain loans for construction purposes.

ASSISTANT U.S. Atty. Matt Lyndon said the men, operating under the name of Church of Christ Manors Inc., acted as "finders" to arrange mortgages and construction loans for building projects.

The government charged that the ring collected advanced fees but never met commitments or returned the money.

The verdicts Monday came after a 43-day trial that began Nov. 9 and ended with three days of jury deliberations.

The indictment charged that the allegedly phony organization publicized a link with assets of the Church of Christ and Christian Church of America. But the group had no connection with the denomination, Lyndon said.

FOUND GUILTY on all 41 counts in the indictment were Charles York, 48, and Stanley Schulman, 36, mortgage brokers for Mortgage Expeditors, owned by Catuara.

Found guilty of conspiracy and multiple counts of fraud were Alex Gaus Jr., 48, an alleged financial agent for Church of Christ Manors Inc., and William Dauber, 36, a mortgage broker.

ALSO FOUND not guilty were Stanley Durka, 46, a Wat-

ersburg (Ill.) attorney who represented Church of Christ Manors; James V. Micucci, 39, Elmwood Park; George Stanaszek, 39, Ingleside; M. D. Scott, New York City; Anthony Gizzi, Silver Springs, Md.; Chester Weisinger, Bedford Hills, N.Y.; Charles Virive, 41, Phoenix, Ariz., and Louis Rosanova, 49, Mount Prospect.

The Rev. Cyrus Welch, 52, former pastor of the Church of Christ in Footville, Wis., also was indicted in the case and was to be tried separately.

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX (165-382)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-3340) (P)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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 BUFILE: 92-13047

Re report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago, 10/31/72,
 and Phoenix airtel to Chicago, 12/5/72.

On 11/24/72, [REDACTED] Joliet,
 Illinois PD, advised that he had developed no additional informa-
 tion regarding [REDACTED]

On 12/19/72, [REDACTED] reliable in the past, advised
 that [REDACTED]

Referenced Phoenix letter to Chicago requested Chicago
 to analyze information furnished by [REDACTED] re subject and others.

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Information provided in referenced letter for the most part corresponds to information already available to the Chicago Office with few minor exceptions which may be due to the sources' long absence from Joliet - Chicago Heights, Illinois area. Most of the information furnished by source is good intelligence information but general public knowledge.

[redacted] is undoubtedly identical to [redacted]
[redacted] who is a subject in Chicago file number
165-2473, [redacted] as determined
by investigation, Title Three Wire Intercepts in June and September,
1972. [redacted]
[redacted]

JIMMY CURTARO is probably identical to JIMMY CATUARA
also known as "The Bomber" a notorious strong arm man in the
Southern Cook County, Illinois area.

[redacted]
[redacted] AL PILOTTO is now
believed to have replaced LA PORTE. Both AL PILOTTO [redacted]

[redacted] Phoenix is requested to clarify this
as it would be extremely pertinent if [redacted] is an LCN Number
[redacted]

Phoenix is requested to determine from [redacted] any
additional information he may have re the following persons' special
LCN Number status and any verifications of birth:

[redacted]
SAM DI GIOVANNI, also known as SAM DI JOHN, born 10/14/1891
in Italy

NICK DI GIOVANNI, born 5/3/1900 in Italy

[redacted]
RALPH EMERY

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[REDACTED]

Phoenix requested Chicago's opinion as to the desirability of [REDACTED]

It is noted that all of the information furnished by this source is basically accurate, but it is also noted that the information is extremely general in matter, is of general public knowledge, and some of the information has been rumored in and about the Joliet - Chicago Heights, Illinois, area for years. It is possible that through additional contacts with this source at Phoenix that this source will be able to recall more specifics and should the decision be made [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is possible he will be able to learn specifics. Chicago feels Phoenix [REDACTED] in this area. Accordingly, it is felt that any such travel to [REDACTED] area should be a matter left to the discretion of the Phoenix Office [REDACTED]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will contact IRS Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chicago for information re his investigation re subject [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-1371)

DATE: 2/26/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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On 2/23/73, AUSA FRANK MURTHA advised that an indictment charging the subject with violation of the ITSMV Statute was dismissed on 2/13/73. It is planned that the subject will be re-indicted in March, 1973 charging him with two additional counts in the Dyer Act matter and also for Perjury.

The subject has let it be known through his attorney that he is willing to plead guilty if the government ~~is~~ will agree to a three year sentence. The ~~for~~ charges against the subject include [REDACTED]

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USM Chicago, Ill.	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #321	7-12-31	271	
PD Chicago, Ill.	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #0-48133	6-18-33	born in poss.	11-17-33, conv. 30 Joliet, Ill. Pen. #321-7. 5 to 25 yrs. on chg. of compounding explosives
CP Joliet, Ill.	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #321	1-10-35	compounding explosives	5 to 25 yrs.; 12-15-42, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
PO Chicago Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #286193	10-15-70	Burg #323-18-1	
PO Chicago Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #286 193	4-22-71	Gambling investigation	
PO Chicago Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #286196	4-30-71	Gambling	L.P.D. on chg of inmate
USM Chgo Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #74333	2-15-72	Postal Laws	
Cook Co Jail Chgo Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #7201693	2-15-72	SKUMS	
PO Chicago Ill	<i>Jch</i> James Catuara #74965	5-25-72	Exor Act	

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SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

3/26/73

SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JIMMY CATUARA is attempting to obtain witnesses who can discredit Government witnesses in the trial of [REDACTED]. Informant was unable to learn who was attempting to obtain the witnesses, however, it is generally known that the witnesses will be requested to perjury themselves as a defense witness.

No specific information could be obtained by the informant. Informant further advised that CATUARA had been in the State of Arizona in the month of February and part of March, however, she has no information as to exactly what town or address he was frequenting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAVANNAH (92-368)

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-697) (P)

SUBJECT:
AR
OO: SAVANNAH

DATE: 3/19/73

For the information of Savannah, the following recent background information is being furnished:

The following information was received from State Attorney General's Office and San Diego County District Attorney's Intelligence Unit:

In Miami, he met with LCN hoodlum JIMMY "The Bomber" CATUARA.

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- 2 - Miami (92-1466)
- 2 - San Diego

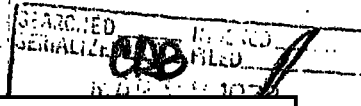
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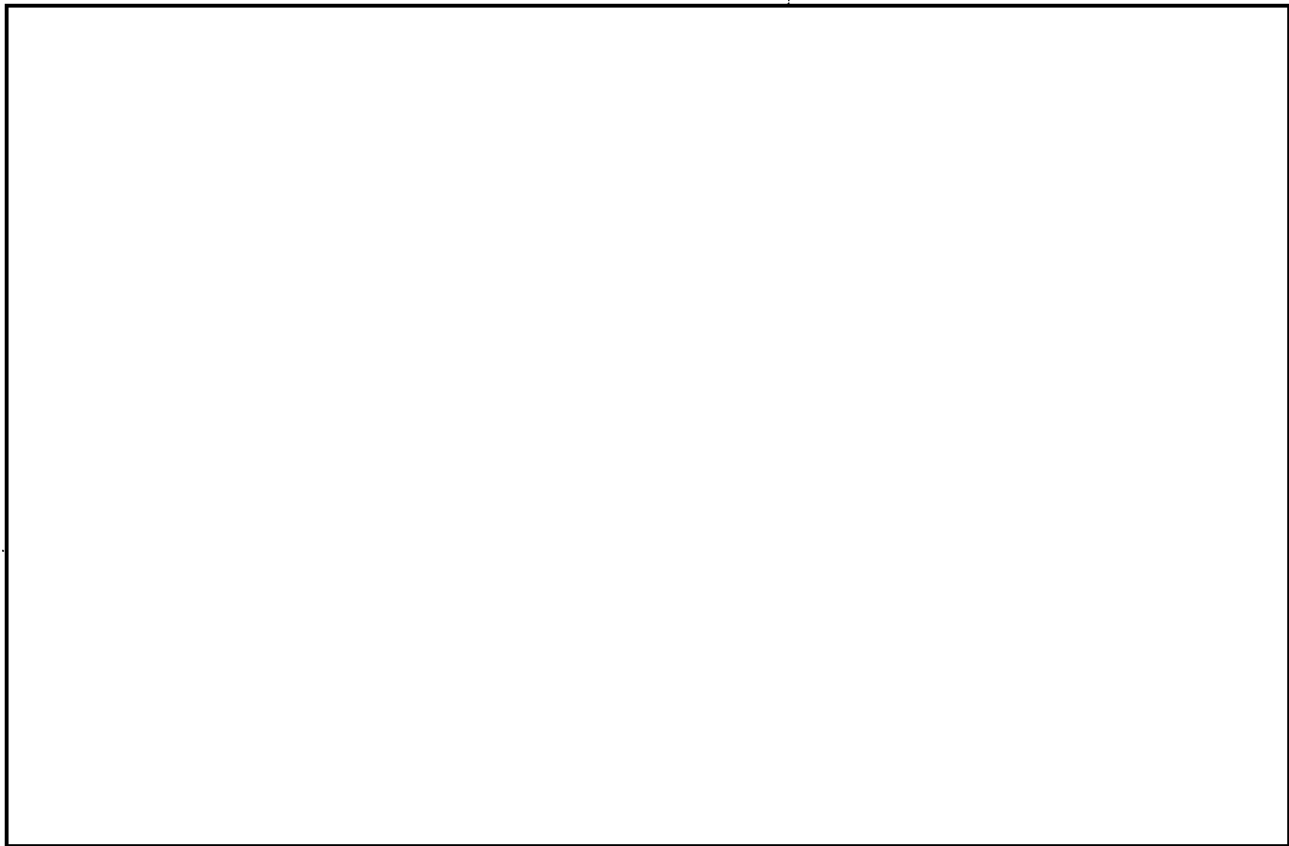
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Another Police Intelligence report claims that during the weekend of 2/9-11/73, RALPH STOLKIN was buried in Palm Springs, and his funeral was attended by SIDNEY KORSHAK, [REDACTED] TONY ACCARDO, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (To date, however, the Police have been unable to definitely establish ACCARDO's presence in Palm Springs.)

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Maintain contact with informants in this area
regarding current activities of

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TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/18/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact [REDACTED]			
File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)			
92-373	GUS ALEX	92-349	SAM GIANCANA
92-1160	FIORE BUCCIERI	92-345	[REDACTED]
182-487	[REDACTED]	92-2372	
92-789	SID KORSHAK	92-1766	
92-2021	[REDACTED]	92-1354	
92-1322	[REDACTED]	92-2210	
Purpose and results of contact		92-3107	ANTHONY ACCARDO [REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA AL PILOTTO [REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		92-344	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		92-247	
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<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)			
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? None			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		Coverage Same	
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Informant advised that during the 1930's, 40's and 50's, [REDACTED] in Chicago, and during the 40's and 50's [REDACTED] with SAM GIANCANA. Informant noted that [REDACTED] made "millions" in this capacity, which he invested in real estate and now has become a multi-millionaire. Informant advised that at this stage of [REDACTED] life he does not desire to be involved in any illegal activity in view of his comfortable status as is.

Informant advised that [REDACTED] current status could be compared to the current status of [REDACTED] Informant noted that [REDACTED] of AL CAPONE back in the 20's and 30's and that later he was closely associated with many of the top leadership of organized crime. He became a distributor of liquor and beer in the Chicago area and became virtually millionaire in this capacity. At the present time although he continues to associate infrequently with some of the older members of organized crime and such leaders as RALPH PIERCE, TONY ACCARDO, and PAUL RICCA, he is not active in organized crime and devotes most of his time to the affairs of his legitimate company. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
spends most of the cold months outside the Chicago area and for decades has spent most of this time in January and February in the Palm Springs, California area where he formerly owned a home, but now leases a lodge.

In discussing the recent killings of minor hoodlum figures in the southern Cook County area, informant advised that although he has no way of knowing for sure, it would appear obvious to him, that JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA would be the one who ordered these "hits". In speaking of CATUARA, informant noted that he is currently the leader of organized crime in southern Cook County and that his two top lieutenants as of this time are AL PILOTTO [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 11/6/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On October 31, 1972, [REDACTED] advised the writer that [REDACTED] an individual discussing JAMES CATUARA. CATUARA has a very good friend by the name of [REDACTED] who has an office or a residence somewhere around [REDACTED]. He previously resided [REDACTED] or had an office at [REDACTED]. His home telephone number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been under indictment for Ambulance chasing, he owns horses and he may have a son. He also has a couple of brothers and spends a lot of time at the various race tracks.

CATUARA was seen October 29, 1972, in the vicinity of 31st and Wells Street in Chicago, Illinois, near a pool hall, where he is known to hang out. He can be seen at this location almost every day, where CI believes a wireroom is located. Normally CATUARA is at that location about 10:00 AM. CATUARA is presently driving a two-tone cocoa and tan buick, with a dealers license 1130AX.

CI had no further information concerning this matter.

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(CATUARA) (SA [REDACTED])
(JAMES CATUARA)

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[redacted] is not personally acquainted with JAMES CATUARA, although he knows of his activities in the southern Cook County area by reputation. He believes that CATUARA took over the juke box operations for [redacted] became ill. He has heard that CATUARA is not a pleasant individual and is very difficult to deal with. Other than this he knows little of his activities.

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[redacted] denied being involved in any illegal activity whatsoever with regard to his association with LAPORTE [redacted]

[redacted] He did not know of any of LAPORTE's illegitimate activities, could not say anything about them and was not, in any way, involved with them. He reiterated that his association with LAPORTE and [redacted] was strictly social. He denied being involved with any organization known as "The Mafia", organized crime or any other similar illegal organization.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] had been in a Chicago hospital up until this past week when he returned to Las Vegas.

[redacted] noted that he is a loyal American citizen and would be happy to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at any time in the future, however, he was unable to furnish any additional information concerning LAPORTE, his associates or illegal activities.

SAC, CHICAGO [] new) (P)

12/12/72

SA []

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Informant advised that [] an ex-convict
and associate of numerous hoodlums including JIMMY CATUARA.

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According to the source numerous hoodlums from
the south side of Chicago and suburbs will be present for
the wedding.

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Source also advised that she has determined that
JIMMY CATUARA is either the owner or part owner of a meat
packing business named Witchell Packing Company, address
unknown. She assumes the ownership is hidden and not listed
to CATUARA.

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Date of transcription 1/8/73

On January 4, 1973, ALFRED J. PILOTTO, 390 West 11th Place, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of business, Laborers International Union, 2318 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Special Agent (SA) [redacted] furnished Mr. PILOTTO with an Advise of Rights Form, and advised Mr. PILOTTO of the nature of the inquiry. SA [redacted] also orally advised Mr. PILOTTO of his rights. Mr. PILOTTO stated that he understood his rights completely but that he would submit to interview. Mr. PILOTTO was interviewed concerning his alleged membership in La Cosa Nostra, Organized Crime, the "Mafia", or similar type hoodlum controlled organizations.

Mr. PILOTTO who is the President of Laborers International Union, in Chicago Heights, Illinois, categorically denied that he is a member of the Mafia, La Cosa Nostra, Organized Crime, or any similar type organizations. He has no connection with organized crime, and never has had any such connection.

Mr. PILOTTO stated that he was born on January 6, 1911, at Chicago Heights, Illinois, in the section of town known as "the hill". His parents were not wealthy and as a result he had a struggle throughout his childhood and early adulthood. In the 1930's he worked as a laborer and admitted that during those periods when he could not find work he made "book" on horse races. He became acquainted with several well known people in the Chicago Heights area, such as the late FRANK LAPORTE, JAMES CATUARA, [redacted] and others.

Several years ago Mr. PILOTTO was in business with FRANK LAPORTE when the Wilco Music was in operation, and this company provided juke boxes for many of the restaurants and taverns in the south suburban area. He was also associated with FRANK LAPORTE during the "hay days" in Calumet City, Illinois, but he did not care to discuss to what extent he was involved in activities in that area. He ceased his association with FRANK LAPORTE when the Wilco

Interviewed on 1/4/73 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # CG 92-1733

SA [redacted]
by SA [redacted]

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Date dictated 1/4/73

Music Company went out of business and FRANK LAPORTE became associated with the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, which also handled the Juke Box business in the area.

During recent years when Mr. PILOTTO became President of the Laborers Union he had little or no association with FRANK LAPORTE or JAMES CATUARA. He noted that he never had much association in the past with CATUARA. His recent association with LAPORTE was purely social in nature as a result of having known him all his life. He even attended the funeral for FRANK LAPORTE in early November, 1972, as did many people who had known LAPORTE prior to his death. He noted that during recent years he seldom saw FRANK LAPORTE, noting that up to the time of LAPORTE'S death in October, 1972, he had not seen him for eight or nine months. He said that even when he went out to see [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] she commented that it has been some time since Mr. PILOTTO had been around the LAPORTE residence.

Concerning recent allegations to the effect that Mr. PILOTTO has succeeded FRANK LAPORTE as leader of organized crime in southern Cook County, such as allegations made in a Chicago Tribune Column in November, 1972, by BOB WIEDRICH, in his Tower Ticker Column, Mr. PILOTTO said that such allegations are absurd. Mr. PILOTTO advised that as President of Laborers International Union he is required to spend a great deal of time with his leadership of this union. He has no time or at least very little time for any outside interest. He has no knowledge of or interest in anything associated with organized crime and he could not understand where ideas and suggestions were coming from that he is the leader of organized crime in southern Cook County, having succeeded the late FRANK LAPORTE.

Although Mr. PILOTTO has heard that FRANK LAPORTE was the leader in organized crime in southern Cook County, Mr. PILOTTO had no knowledge of this and could not comment on it. As to the matter of a replacement for LAPORTE as leader of organized crime, Mr. PILOTTO was unable to make comment on this, stating he had no knowledge of such things.

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Continuing concerning the article which appeared in the paper by BOB WIEDRICH, Mr. PILOTTO commented that although reputed "Mafia" bosses such as ANTHONY ACCARDO, and JOEY AIUPPA, attended either the wake or funeral for FRANK LAPORTE this in no way should reflect adversely upon individuals such as Mr. PILOTTO and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who also attended the funeral. Mr. PILOTTO pointed out that FRANK LAPORTE had many friends who had known him for years and years and it was only natural that many of these friends should attend the funeral. He did not feel that such in itself should reflect adversely upon any individual who might have attended LAPORTE'S funeral in spite of LAPORTE'S reputation. Mr. PILOTTO noted that newspapers are often taking such matters and trying to make something out of them by innuendo and by intimating deep organized crime plots against society.

Mr. PILOTTO noted recent publicity appeared in Chicago newspapers after the death of GUIDO FIDANZI to the effect that Mr. PILOTTO'S brother "HENRY PILOTTO", Chicago Heights, Illinois, Chief of Police, had not cooperated with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, in attempting to solve the crime. Mr. PILOTTO said that this was nonsense and mere publicity dreamed up by the newspapers, because his brother did in fact cooperate to the fullest extent possible.

Mr. PILOTTO noted that the Chicago Heights area, is "clean", and has very little crime. He said there is no corruption in the Police Department and innuendo to this effect are pure nonsense. It was pointed out to Mr. PILOTTO that recent Federal Gambling Raids were made in the Chicago Heights area in September, 1972, at which time a large horse race bookmaking organization was put out of business. Mr. PILOTTO expressed surprise at this, particularly the fact that there could have been anything very large in the horse race bookmaking area in the Chicago Heights vicinity.

Mr. PILOTTO commented that he is acquainted with an ANTHONY ACCARDO, having delivered beer for him in the early 1960's and late 1950's. He did not comment any further upon this relationship. Mr. PILOTTO is also acquainted with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is acquainted with

JAMES CATUARA but that this relationship is purely social, and that [] has nothing whatsoever to do with anything illegal in which CATUARA might be involved. [] resides in the South Holland area, and to Mr. PILOTTO'S knowledge is not engaged in anything illegal.

Mr. PILOTTO reiterated that it would be impossible for him to engage in any association with hoodlums in the organized crime area, because he has too much to do with the problems associated with his labor union. Mr. PILOTTO arises every morning very early and is usually in his office by 8:00 in the morning, where he works all day until quitting time.

Concerning his recent activities, Mr. PILOTTO said that he recently returned from [] trip to Florida where he was visiting [] who resides at [] Mr. PILOTTO had tickets for the Orange Bowl Game but returned to Chicago prior to the game. Mr. PILOTTO has a daughter, who resides in the []

Mr. PILOTTO commented in conclusion that he is a loyal United States Citizen and would be happy to be of assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the United States Government at any time in the future.

The following information was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	ALFRED J. PILOTTO
Address	390 West 11th Place Chicago Heights, Illinois
Date of Birth	January 6, 1911
Place of Birth	Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Social Security
Number
Wife

6'1"
200 pounds
Brown and graying
Blue



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SOURCE: CONFIDENTIAL (B)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

& JAMES CATUARA

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1972

Received information from a reliable source that TONY SPILOTRO was arrested at the CIRCUS-CIRCUS in Las Vegas at the request of Chicago Police Department. He was wanted in connection with a murder in Chicago. When arrested he was in the company of [REDACTED]

Illinois, and JAMES CATUARA aka "THE BOMBER", formerly an enforcer for "FIFI" BUCCIERI. CATUARA is alleged to be an expert in explosive devices. He is also alleged to be the man who killed JERRY COVELLI in June 1967. [2]

Informant states that [REDACTED] and CATUARA are in the Los Angeles area, possibly to do a job. He further indicates that they did like the Marina Del Rey area where they may be residing. They frequent the "BUCKEYE BUILDING" on Wilshire Boulevard [REDACTED] Office, and "DIVERSIFIED EARTH SCIENCES OFFICE". The source further indicates that they may be also traveling to Palm Springs. [2]

"DIVERSIFIED EARTH SCIENCES" [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

[redacted] Supervising Field Intelligence Date: November 29, 1972

from : [redacted] Coordinator-Organized Crime
Bureau of Investigation

subject: ANTHONY SPILOTRO, LEIU #2406 CII #3319488, FBI #860142B
JAMES CATUARA aka JAMES CATIRA, Chicago PD #D82589
[redacted]

The following information was received from a Federal agency regarding above subjects:

Confidential source of information stated that when Anthony Spilotro, a hoodlum from Chicago Illinois, was recently arrested in a gift shop he owned in Las Vegas, Nevada; he was accompanied by [redacted] and Jimmy Catuara. Spilotro was charged in a murder/conspiracy dating back to the early 1960's.

After Spilotro's arrest [redacted] and Catuara went to Los Angeles and had a meeting with an attorney named (FNU) [redacted]

Then they went to the Canyon Country Club in Palm Springs before returning to Chicago, Illinois. Catuara stays in the Marina Del Rey area when in Southern California.

Catuara is known as "The Bomber" and [redacted]
[redacted] They were both suspects in the bomb slaying of Jerry Covelli, CII #606515 on 6/18/67.

Riverside Sheriff's Intelligence Division advised that the above Canyon Country Club is owned by a group from Chicago.

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[redacted] Coordinator-Organized Crime

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cc: LAPD
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371)

DATE: 2/9/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-5357) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Los Angeles dated 1/12/73.

Enclosed for Chicago are Xerox copies of two Los Angeles District Attorney investigator memos regarding subject.

Investigator [redacted] Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, on 2/6/73, made available copies of the enclosed two memos.

[redacted] stated Los Angeles District Attorney investigators are attempting to put together information on various organized crime figures coming to their attention and because of this requested subject's FBI record to bring this information up to date. [redacted] said his inquiry was strictly of an intelligence nature, and Los Angeles District Attorney's Office is not conducting any substantive type investigation regarding subject.

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1 - Los Angeles

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920) (C)

DATE: 2/14/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FRANK LAPORTE
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On 2/6/73, Illinois Bureau of Investigation (IBI) Special Agents (SA) [REDACTED] made available surveillance reports for the IBI's investigation during the funeral and wake of subject. Among others in attendance at the wake or funeral were the following individuals:

[REDACTED]

RALPH EMERY
ROSS PRIO
JAMES CATUARA
SAM GUZZINO

1 - [REDACTED] (92-2021) (SA [REDACTED])
1 - [REDACTED] (92-3778) (SA [REDACTED])
1 - [REDACTED] (92-3420) (SA [REDACTED]) (JOLIET)
1 - ROSS PRIO (92-737) (SA [REDACTED])
① - JAMES CATUARA (92-1371) (SA [REDACTED])
1 - [REDACTED] (92-1728) (C)
1 - [REDACTED] (92-1730) (C)
1 - [REDACTED] (92-2282) (SA [REDACTED])
1 - [REDACTED] (92-3677) (C)
1 - [REDACTED] (166-561) (C)
1 - RALPH EMERY (92-2013) (C)
1 - SAM GUZZINO (92-3530) (C)

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It is noted that the IBI investigative report referred to automobiles registered to the above named individuals among others. The original reports furnished to the FBI have been made a part of instant file and these reports contained additional details concerning the investigation conducted by the IBI, including in certain cases drivers license numbers, and social security numbers as well as descriptions.

Above for information and inclusion in respective files.

FBI

Date: 2/21/73

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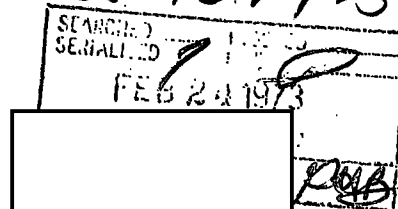
TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (183-82)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (183-4) (P)

PEOPLE'S INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS (PIC)
ET AL
RICO
OO: LOS ANGELESANTHONY JOHN SPILOTRO, aka
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OO: CHICAGOLA COSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY
OO: NEW YORK

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau 2/16/73 on PIC and
SPILOTRO regarding San Diego phone calls to Los Angeles and
Chicago on 2/14/73.

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④ - Chicago
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 6 - Los Angeles
 3 - Miami
 3 - New York (info)
 7 - San Diego
 (2 - 183-4) (PIC)
 (2 - 92-1174) (SPILOTRO)
 (2 - 92-229) (LCN)
 (1 - [redacted])

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Another Police Intelligence report claims that during the weekend of 2/9-11/73, RALPH STOLKIN was buried in Palm Springs and his funeral was attended by SIDNEY KORSHAK, [REDACTED] TONY ACCARDO, and [REDACTED] (To date, however, the Police have been unable to definitely establish ACCARDO's presence in Palm Springs.)

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[REDACTED]

The MARCH 1973 TERM GRAND JURY returned three (3) Indictments in open Court on March 8, 1973 before CHIEF JUDGE EDWIN A. ROBSON:

[REDACTED]

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(73-561)

JAMES CATUARA B/W \$30,000

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A Criminal Information was filed on March 12, 1973 in the following case:

[REDACTED]

The FEBRUARY 1973 TERM GRAND JURY returned four (4) Indictments in open Court on March 12, 1973 before CHIEF JUDGE EDWIN A. ROBSON:

[REDACTED]

Western Division

A Criminal Information was filed on March 12, 1973 in the following case:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE APR 26 1973	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/2 - 4/19/73
TITLE OF CASE JAMES CATUARA, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY bjm
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/28/72.
 Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 8/8/72.
 Chicago airtel to Phoenix dated 12/27/72.
 Chicago letter to Los Angeles dated 1/12/73.
 San Diego airtel to Bureau dated 2/21/73.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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1 - USA; Chicago						SEARCHED <i>[Signature]</i>		
1 - AIC, Chicago Field Office						SERIALIZED <i>[Signature]</i>		
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ADMINISTRATIVE .

The delay in the submission of this report is due to the assignment of the case Agent to the special at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Agent Contact</u>
[REDACTED]	8/1/72	SA [REDACTED]
	8/9/72	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	8/22/72	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	10/31; 11/14, 29; 12/20/72	SA [REDACTED]
	11/13/72	SA [REDACTED]
	10/4, 12/18/72	SA [REDACTED]
	1/18; 3/16/73	SA [REDACTED]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago
1 - AIC, Chicago Field Office SHELDON DAVIDSON

Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

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Field Office File #: 92-1371

Bureau File #: 92-6931

Title: JAMES CATUARA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: GUIDO J. FIDANZI, identified as a collector for the subject, slain in gangland fashion 8/8/72 at Chicago Heights, Illinois. Subject observed in vicinity of Hawks S.A.C. Chicago, Illinois, and was in attendance at the wake of PAUL DE LUCIA former Chicago hoodlum. The subject was acquitted in mail fraud and conspiracy charges in a jury trial. ALFRED J. PILOTTO, President, Labors International Union, Chicago Heights, Illinois, interviewed and described his relationship with the subject. Subject allegedly in the company of ANTHONY SPILOTRO, Chicago hoodlum, when SPILOTRO was arrested for murder in Las Vegas, Nevada. After SPILOTRO's arrest, subject allegedly went to Los Angeles, California. Subject attended the wedding of [REDACTED] Informants advise the subject approved of the killing of minor hoodlums in the South Cook County Illinois area. CATUARA allegedly has a paramour who may be identical with [REDACTED] Informants indicate that the subject would have been the boss of organized crime in the South Cook County area if he did not have legal problems. Subject indicted for perjury resulting from a hearing on pre-trial motions in Dyer Act case against him.

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DETAILS:

On August 2, 1972, the subject was observed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] entering the Village Inn Restaurant, 194th and Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He was driving a late model, 2 door Cadillac, maroon over white which was registered to [redacted]. The subject was traveling with an unknown white male, age 35, 175 pounds, 5'9", black wavy hair, sport clothes, and walked with a noticeable limp.

On August 8, 1973, GUIDO J. FIDANZI, age 45 of 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois, a reported low ranking loan racket collector for CATUARA, was shot and killed in gangland fashion by two unidentified assailants. FIDANZI was shot five times from a .45 caliber weapon and twice from a .22 caliber weapon. The murder of FIDANZI occurred in a gasoline service station at 251 East 14th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, which station was owned was owned in part by FIDANZI's brother-in-law, [redacted]

On August 8, 1972, SA [redacted] observed the examination of the body of FIDANZI by police officers of the Chicago Heights (Illinois) Police Department, following the shooting of the subject shortly after 10:00 AM.

On September 12 and 13, 1972, the subject was observed by SA [redacted] to be in the vicinity of the Hawks S.A.C., 31st and Lowell, Chicago, Illinois, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12:00 noon. The subject departed the area driving a tan Buick bearing 1972 Illinois dealer license OL 1130AX.

During the period October 12-14, 1972, the subject was observed by Investigators of the Chicago (Illinois) Police Department to be in attendance at the wake of PAUL DE LUCIA, also known as PAUL "the Raider" RICCA at the Galewood Funeral Chapel, 1857 North Harlem, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 15, 1973, the subject and eight co-defendants were acquitted by a jury of mail fraud and conspiracy charges.

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The following information was made available
by Investigator [redacted] Los Angeles District Attorney's
Office on February 6, 1973:

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On August 1, 1972, [] advised that the subject attended a wedding of [] a local Chicago area hoodlum who allegedly works for the subject. [] on August 9, 1972, advised that FIDANZI was killed because he was alleged to have made statements to the effect that "he was not going to serve anytime in jail". FIDANZI, along with the subject and a number of others, were involved in a fraud case and it was suspected that FIDANZI might be co-operating with the government in its case.

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[] said that FIDANZI's remarks were leaked back to CATUARA and FIDANZI's fate was sealed. CATUARA, according to the informant, would of had to give the final okay on the "contract" on FIDANZI's life.

On August 22, 1972, [] advised that the subject was personally looking for a person who owed several hundred dollars.

[] on October 31, 1972, advised that he had recently heard that the subject was a very good friend of []

[] indictment for ambulance chasing, owns horses and may have a son. He also has a couple of brothers and he, [] spends a lot of time at various race tracks.

It is to be noted that the records disclose a []

The informant said that he observed the subject in vicinity of 31st and Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, on October 29, 1972. The subject can be seen in this area almost every day around 10:00 AM. Informant said the subject is currently driving a two door, cocoa and tan Buick, bearing dealers license 1130 AX.

On November 14, 1972, [] advised that the subject is driving a 1973 Buick white over orange. Source also stated that the subject has been seen in a 1964 Chevrolet with an unknown female in vicinity of 159th and Kedzie, Markham, Illinois. The car, according to the informant, was owned by the unknown female.

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On November 29 and December 20, 1972, [redacted] advised that he could furnish no additional information in this matter.

[redacted] on November 13, 1972, advised that the subject's new paramour is believed to be identical with [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at or near [redacted] and is married. [redacted] and the subject meet in the parking lot of a shopping center and then go to the Hi-Way Motel, 159th Street near Interstate 57, Markham, Illinois.

It is to be noted that the Burbank City Directory disclosed the residence of a [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted]

[redacted] The Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Department of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, disclosed the following descriptive data on the [redacted]



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advised on October 4, 1972, that it appeared to him that the subject ordered the "hits" on the recent killings of minor hoodlum figures in the South Cook County Illinois area. The source considered the subject to be the leader of organized crime in the South Cook County area and his top two Lieutenants are identified as AL PILOTTO and [redacted]

On December 18, 1972, [] advised that the subject would have been the boss of organized crime in the south suburbs of Chicago had it not been for the subject's legal problems.

[] advised on January 8, 1973, that []
[] an ex-convict works for the subject. []
[]

[] has made a statement indicating that the subject is part owner of the Mitchell Meat Company which is located in South Cook County Illinois or Lake County Indiana. The source said the subject's name would not be listed as one of the owners.

On March 16, 1973, [] advised that the subject is attempting to locate witnesses who can discredit government witnesses in the trial of []
[] Informant said that any witnesses that the subject located would be required to perjure himself as a defense witness.

The source further stated that the subject was in Arizona during February and part of March, 1973.

(It is to be noted that on April 3, 1973, [] and two additional defendants were convicted in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois).

The following is a current identification record for the subject, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 877 436, dated March 6, 1973:

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CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	2-10-51	ETC.	
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara JC-46155	6-10-53	Bomb in poss.	11-17-53, CHICAGO, ILL. JULIUS, ILL. 203. 1000-1. 3 to 25 yrs. in chrg. of compounding explosives
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	1-10-55	compounding explosives	5 to 25 years 10-15-52, paroled to Chicago, Ill.
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	10-10-70	Burg CHIC-19-1	
PD ILL. CHICAGO, ILL.	James Catuara J41	4-22-71	Chemical investigation	
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	4-10-71	Handling	I.P.A. on case of invest.
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	2-15-73	Postal Laws	
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	2-15-72	SKIDS	
CHI Chicago, Ill.	James Catuara J41	5-25-72	Evil Act	

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM Chicago IL	James Catuara 76667	3-9-73	Perjury	

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On February 23, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) FRANK MURTHA, advised that an indictment charging the subject with violation of the ITSMV Statute was dismissed on February 15, 1973. MURTHA said that he planned on re-indicting the subject in March, 1973, charging him with two additional counts on Dyer Act matter and also on perjury.

On April 11, 1973, AUSA MURTHA advised that the subject was indicted for perjury on March 8, 1973, which came about as a result of the subject's perjured testimony on a hearing on pre-trial motions involving a Dyer Act case which the subject is involved in. The subject was released on March 9, 1973.

AUSA MURTHA said that he intended to re-indict the subject and others for violation of the Dyer Act sometime in May, 1973, on \$30,000 bond.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **92-1371**

APR 24 1973

Title **JAMES CATUARA**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Chicago report of Special Agent**
lated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371*)

DATE: MAY 31, 1973

FROM :

Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: ✓ JAMES/CATUARA, aka
✓ Jimmie Cattura,
✓ "The Bomber" Catuara,
✓ James "The Bomber" Catuara, ✓ Jim Catuara,
✓ Jimmy Catuara, ✓ Jimmy "The Bomber" Catuara,
✓ Vincenzo Catuara, ✓ James Catuaro, ✓ Jimmie Catuaro,
✓ James Catuarra, ✓ James Catura, ✓ Jimmy Catura,
✓ Jimmy Caturra, ✓ Jimmy Cotturo, ✓ Jimmy Cuturo,
✓ Jimmy "The Bomber" Cuturo, ✓ Jimmy Cuturo, ✓ Jimmy Cuturro
✓ "The Bomber", ✓ "Jimmie The Bomber", ✓ "Jimmy the Bomber",
✓ "The Owl",
AR

This Correlation Memo contains all identical Criminal references.

All 92-350 references are maintained in the C-1 Supervisor's Office.

Serial 349 of 92-1371, is a Correlation Memo dated 10/15/69.

The following files are ident with Subject of memo:

26-62656
87-29347
87-31242
92-373-63
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File 67-832-128195 & 128196 are maintained in SAC'S Office.

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Chicago report dated 6/17/63 by SA [REDACTED]
captioned, "Frank LaPorte, aka." AR

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The report reflects that [REDACTED] (PROTECT) was
contacted by SA [REDACTED]
on May 23, 1963 and advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Observation or Surveillance Report dated 7-10-69,
from, Chicago Police Department. Intelligence Division init-
ialed into the file by SA [REDACTED] on 7/16/69.

The purpose of this surveillance or observation
which was conducted on July 3-4-5-, 1969 was to obtain license
numbers and to identify persons attending the WAKE of Dominic
Alderisio, father of Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio, member
of the higher echelon of the Chicago area Crime Syndicate.
One of the cars observed was registered to:

James Catuara
9600 South Kilbourn
Oak Lawn, Illinois
Illinois, 1969
Lic. #557-000
68 black Cadillac,
two door hardtop

James Catuara is well known in the Intelligence
Division files as a member of the higher echelon body of the
Crime Syndicate.

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Memo from San Diego to Director, FBI dated 2/24/71
entitled: La Cosa Nostra, (LCN) AR-CONSPIRACY.

The following information was received from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] regarding LCN members and their hoodlum associates.

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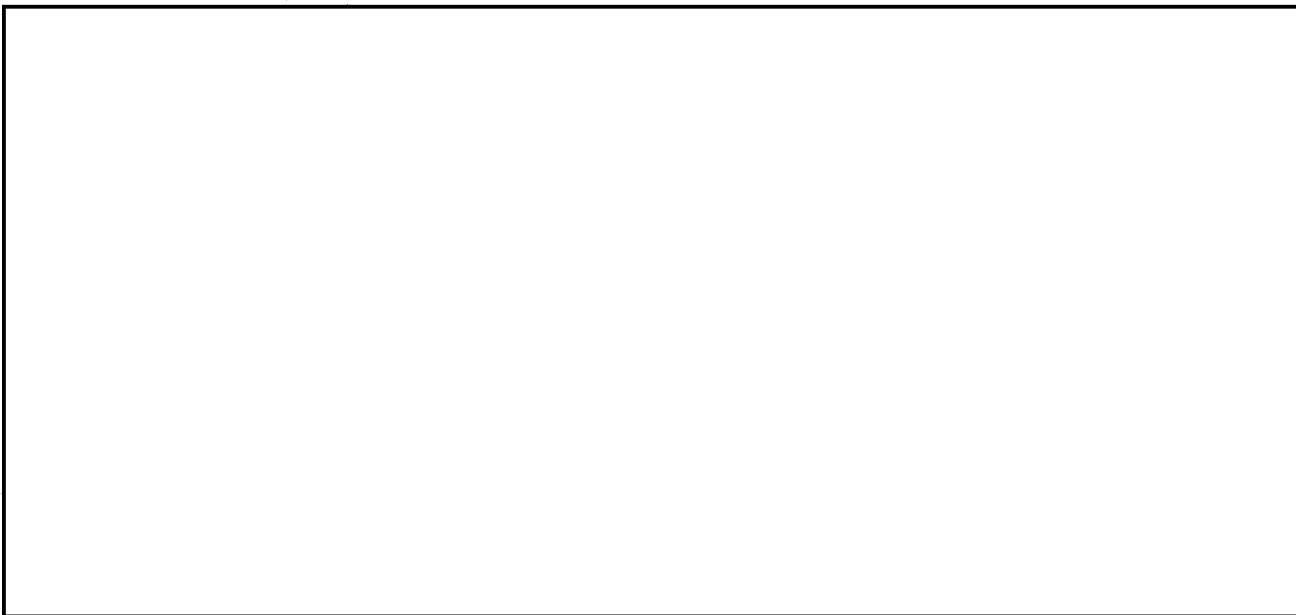
Regarding Chicago letter to San Diego, 1/28/71.

Informant identified the photograph of [redacted] as being identical with Chicago LCN member [redacted] and identified the photo of JAMES CATURA as being identical with the Chicago LCN member he knows as JIMMY, both members in the past of LA PORTE'S decina. He viewed the photograph of murder victim Ross Corriero, but could not identify him and had no knowledge concerning this murder.

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Memo San Diego to Director dated 7-15-71 entitled La Cosa Nostra (LCN). AR-CONSPIRACY.

The following information was received from [redacted] regarding LCN members and their hoodlum associates.



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Chicago report dated 10/20/71 by SA [redacted] entitled FRANK LA PORTE-AR.



The source said that he had learned that La Porte believes that he has good control of activities in Chicago Heights, Illinois because all of the City Commissioners are friendly towards him. [redacted]



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The source also advised that in June, 1971, the La Porte had lunch at Savoia's Restaurant in Chicago Heights, Illinois, without Pilotto, [REDACTED]

Shortly after the lunch was completed [REDACTED] had left the restaurant and the others were joined by JAMES CATUARA and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Frank La Porte is alleged to have stated that the outfit has very little criminal activities operating in the Chicago area, but that things are wide open in Lake County, Indiana, where gambling is flourishing.

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92-1602-48 p.2

Letter dated 9/14/71 from [REDACTED] Director of Intelligence Division of Chicago Police Department to SAC Charles W. Bates of Chicago.

Enclosing a copy of a surveillance report conducted on the WAKES of Angela Battaglia, wife, and Sam Battaglia, Jr., son of Sam "Teets" Battaglia, held at the Montclare Funeral Home, 6901 West Belmont Avenue on 8-10-71. One of the cars observed parked near the Montclare Funeral Home in the parking lot was a 1971 Cadillac, Illinois License #557-000 registered to James Catuara of 9600 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, Illinois. CATUARA'S drivers license # C 360-4400-5274.

92-1602-46

Letter dated 9/8/71 from [REDACTED] Director of Intelligence Division of Chicago Police Department to SAC Charles W. Bates of Chicago.

Enclosing a copy of a surveillance report conducted on the WAKE of Phillip J. Guzaldo, held at the Galewood Funeral Chapel, 1857 North Harlem Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on the 19/20/21 of September, 1971. Identified as being at the wake of Phillip J. Guzaldo was JAMES CATUARA.

92-1173-1084 p.3

Memo from San Diego to Director dated 11-8-71, entitled La Cosa Nostra (LCN):AR-CONSPIRACY.

The following information was received from [REDACTED] TE regarding LCN members and hoodlum associates.

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Informant advised that he had the impression La Porte has under him a total of about twenty LCN members, most of whom are inactive, and that several others appeared at the rosary the night before which he failed to meet.

87-31281-156

Airtel from Chicago to Milwaukee dated 2/16/72 entitled [redacted] et al ITSP which reflects for the information of the Milwaukee Office, on 2/15/72, a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) in Chicago, Illinois, returned indictments against: JAMES CATURA and others, for the violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code (USC).

All of those named, including JAMES CATUARA, with the exception of a few, were indicted ~~for~~ violations of Title 18, Section 1343, USC and Title 18, Section 2384, USC.

87-37363-34

Chicago letter to New York dated 2-23-72 captioned, [redacted] aka; ITSP.

Enclosed for each office with Chicago letter is a copy of article appearing in February 16, 1972 edition of Chicago Sun Times. This article is entitled "U.S. Indicts nineteen in one million loan fee racket," by Art Petacque and Max Sonderly.

Nineteen persons, including several crime syndicate figures and a minister, were indicted Tuesday in connection

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with a loan racket that allegedly netted more than one million.

Syndicate members named by the federal grand jury in the fifty-five page indictment included Guido Fidanzi, JAMES CATURA, [REDACTED]. The indictment charges that they and the others collected advance fees from seventy victims on promises to obtain mortgage and construction loans. Among the victims were a number of churches and other religious institutions and businessmen, the indictment said.

26-64721-31 p.3

Letter to SA [REDACTED] dated 10/25/72 from [REDACTED] Net Automobile Theft Bureau Western Division, Evergreen Plaza Tower, 9730 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Attached are copies of correspondence regarding The Roger Croach Car Theft.

One of the attachment is an article from Hammond Times, 10/1/72, by Gary Galloway, the Staff Writer, which is entitled U.S. JURY INDICTS FOUR IN CROACH CAR THEFT.

The article states that on the Roger Croach murder, a federal grand jury has clamped another lock by indicting four men in the interstate theft of the Cadillac; the former Hammond used car dealer was driving shortly before he was killed. Croach and Michael Rogan were killed four weeks ago in an internal flareup in the Calumet Region's multi-million-dollar car theft industry. William Earl Dauber, Joseph Marek and Jack Schnadenbug are named in Rogan's murder.

Dauber was identified last December 5 in The Times as the Chicago crime syndicate figure given the task of molding the multi-fingered Region car theft operation into a cohesive unit. Dauber is an underling of JAMES (JIMMY THE BOMBER) CAPTUARA, head of the syndicate's South Suburban rackets.

91-7875-16

Interoffice memo of the Criminal Investigation Division, from [REDACTED] Robbery Area [REDACTED] to Unit Commander, Robbery Area [REDACTED] which was furnished to Hillside regarding [REDACTED] Initialed into the file 10/11/72.

Regarding information received, Hillside P.D. Investigation Abduction and Armed Robbery.

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Some of the known associates of Mara are: JAMES CATUARA (THE BOMBER), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] These names were also furnished to Hillside, P.D.

92-920-2049 p.28

Chicago Memo from SA [REDACTED] dated 2/12/73 entitled FRANK LA PORTE-AR.

Attached with this memo are Illinois Bureau of Investigation Surveillance Memorandums which were obtained on 2/5/73, from IBI SA'S [REDACTED]

One of these Investigative Memorandum's dated Thursday, November 2, 1972 was to determine the identities of persons attending the wake of Frank La Porte.

A initiated surveillance of parked vehicles was observed in front of Hirsch's West End Funeral Home on 1340 Otto Blvd., Chicago Heights, Illinois by reporting agent [REDACTED] One of the cars observed was registered to:

JAMES CATURA
9600 South Kildare
Oak Lawn, Illinois
Serial #4V39T3H434113
License of car: applied
for sticker, white/tan buick.

92-920-2052 p.1

Chicago Memo from SA [REDACTED] dated 4/3/73, entitled, FRANK LA PORTE, aka.-AR.

Attached is a letter from [REDACTED] Director of the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department
to SAC

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to SAC RICHARD H. HELD of Chicago dated 3-26-73.

Enclosed with this letter is a surveillance report listing the identity of individuals, and registration to vehicles observed, at the wake or funeral of the late FRANK LA PORTE on 11/2-3/72 which was held at the Hirsch's West End Funeral Home located at 1340 West Otto, Chicago Heights, Illinois. One of the listed at the wake or funeral was JAMES CATUARA.

92-1733-169 p.8

Chicago report dated 1-8-73 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] entitled, ALFRED J. PILOTTO-AR.

On January 4, 1973, Alfred J. Pilotto, 390 West 11th Place, Chicago Heights, Illinois was interviewed at his place of business, Laborers International Union, 2318 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois by SA [redacted]
[redacted] furnished Mr. Pilotto with an Advise of Rights Form, and advised Mr. Pilotto of the nature of the injury.

Mr. Pilotto who is the President of Laborers International Union, in Chicago Heights, Illinois categorically denied that he is a member of the Mafia, La Cosa Nostra, Organized Crime, or any similar type organizations. He has no connection with organized crime, and never has had any such connection.

In the 1930's he worked as a laborer and admitted that during those periods when he could not find work he made "book" on horse races. He became acquainted with several well known people in the Chicago Heights area, such as the late Frank La Porte, JAMES CATURA, [redacted] and others.

During recent years when Mr. Pilotto became President of the Laborers Union he had little or no association with Frank La Porte or JAMES CATURA. He noted that he never had much association in the past with CATURA.

Mr. Pilotto commented that he is acquainted with Dominic Palarmore who is a field representative for Mr. Pilotto's union. [redacted] is acquainted with JAMES CATUARA but that this relationship is purely social and that [redacted]
[redacted] has nothing whatsoever to do with anything illegal in which Catuara might be involved.

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Mr. Pilotto commented in conclusion that he is a loyal U.S. Citizen and would be happy to be of assistance to the FBI or the U.S. Government at any time in the future.

Subject JAMES CATUARA

Aliases

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 Jimmy "The Bomber" Catuara,
 Vincenzo Catuara, James Catuaro,
 Jimmie Catuaro, James Catuarra, James Catura,
 Jimmy Catura, Jimmy Caturra, Jimmy Cotturo,
 Jimmy Cuturo, Jimmy Cuturro, "The Bomber",
 Jimmy "The Bomber" Cuturo, "Jimmie The Bomber",
 "Jimmy The Bomber", "The Owl"

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9600 So. Kilbourn
Oak Lawn, Ill.

DOB: 1905

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1971 Cadillac

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9600 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn ✓

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Oak Lawn, Ill.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/25/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use titles if file #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

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JAMES GATURA, AC

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Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

On March 19, 1973, source advised that the House of Landers, a restaurant tavern, designed to cater to the homosexual crowds, has not opened. That tavern is located at Sheffield and Diversy [REDACTED]

On April 2, 1973, source advised that Ruthie's now has a drag show at 3231 North Clark Street.

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGN [REDACTED]

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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PERSONAL DATA

JEC/las
(7)92-1371-551
[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten initials]

CC [redacted]

[redacted] Club Alemeda, at 5210 North Sheridan Road.
[redacted] had put off the FBI in their efforts to interview him. [redacted] was actively hiding out to avoid service of a subpoena by the FBI concerning police extortion investigations.

[redacted] homosexual bath house open in Phoenix, Arizona [redacted] steak house in the 1300 or 1400 block of North Wells Street.

[redacted]

CATURA is stating that he plans on retiring from the Chicago area and will relocate in Arizona. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 5/4/73

A subpoena duces tecum was served on an authorized representative of [redacted] for the

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Interviewed on 5/1/73 at Chicago, Illinois CGs 92-3665, 92-2940, 92-1371
File # 92-3412, 92-1360, 92-2029, 92-3262, 92-2514, 92-2022

by SA [redacted] JTY/pjs

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Date dictated _____
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[redacted] [initials]

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SAC, CHICAGO 92-3374 (P)

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SA [REDACTED]

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Spot checks were conducted at subject's residence on 6/15/73 at 9:45PM, on 6/22/73 at 11:03AM and ~~xx~~ on 6/27/73 at 8:01AM; however no activity was observed other than a car bearing 1973 Illinois license [REDACTED] which is registered to [REDACTED]

On 6/21/73, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [REDACTED] South Chicago Heights Police Department, South Chicago Heights, Ill., advised that his records contain no information identifiable with subject or with AL PILOTTO. [REDACTED] is acquainted with both men, but has observed neither in the South Heights area in the recent past.

A review of subject's telephone records indicates that he has been in contact with Laborers International Union, 2318 Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, Ill., the president of which is AL PILOTTO. Subject has also been in contact with the telephone listed to LCN member, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also a member of LCN. Subject has also called the number of JAMES CATUARA. Complete results of the telephone review are contained in the June report concerning subject.

Investigation continuing to determine whether subject is in violation of any federal statutes.

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1-92-1371 (CATUARA)(SA [REDACTED])
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: JUN 28 1973

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1371) (P)

DATE: 6/29/73

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: JAMES CATUARA, aka
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The following informants, who have previously furnished information on the subject, were contacted and unable to provide any information on the subject:



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6/13/73 SA
6/20/73 SA



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[Handwritten signature/initials]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

OBSERVATION OR
SURVEILLANCE REPORT

CASE _____

DATE OF SURVEILLANCE: 23-24-25 May 1973

DATE OF REPORT - 17 June 1973

SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION

TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE

ENGLISH, Sam (Deceased)
1800 S. Austin Ave.
Cicero, Illinois

Fixed

INVESTIGATORS

PURPOSE OF SURVEILLANCE OR OBSERVATION

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TIME OR
LICENSE NO.

OBSERVATION OR IDENTIFICATION OR DESCRIPTION

1700 Hrs
23 May 1973

to

1200 Hrs.
25 May 1973

The SUBJECT died in HIS home on 22 May 1973 apparently of a heart attack. A wake was held on 23-24 May 1973 at Montclair Funeral Home 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois. There was no church service and HE was buried at Queen of Heaven Cemetary Roosevelt & Wolf Rd. The following persons were observed at either the wake or funeral.

AIUPPA, Joseph 92-677
4 Yorkshire Dr.
Oak Brook, Illinois

CATUARA, James 92-137
9600 S. Kilbourn Ave.
Oak Lawn, Illinois

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SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION: ENGLISH, Sam (Deceased)

(TITLE ONLY)

INVESTIGATORS

DATE OF REPORT 17 June 1973

Physical Observations Cont.

ENGLISH, Charles 92-917
1131 Lathrop
River Forest, Illinois

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The following vehicles were observed parked in the immediate vicinity of the funeral home, or in the funeral home parking lot.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: JUL 30 1973

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

1 - 92-1173

LCN

1 - 92-925

AR

1 - 92-1875

AR

1 - 92-3809

AR

1 - 92-1371

JIMMY CATUARA; AR

1 - 15-25085

TEIS

1 - 371

AR

Purpose and result of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

No

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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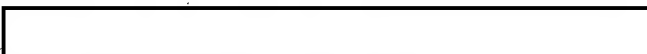
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CG 92-3809
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Informant stated



JIMMY "The Bomber" CATUARA or some other Chicago LCN leader in his present occupation. Whatever is going on now is probably another "scam" operation in which they will set up a sound investment such as legally held stock and bonds to attract additional capital. Then they will pull out their own holdings plus whatever additional capital they can attract and leave someone "holding the bag".



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

C #11160

DATE:

7/19/73

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

JAMES CATUARA, AR, CGO 92-1371 SA

Purpose and results of contact

- ☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

SEE ATTACHED

☒ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVEN (Ghetto only)

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

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